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# CLU given \$400k for diversity

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University community will hold the university's second CDI/Campus Diversity Retreat on Nov. 21 in Simi Valley, Calif.

CLU received \$400,000 from the Irvine Foundation to be spent over three years to increase diversity on campus.

"This [retreat] is to follow up on the planning retreat in June," said Della Greenlee, director of Foundation Relations and Scholarship Development.

"The goal of the project," she said, "is to implement a comprehensive approach to sustainable improvement of diversity across the campus community. President Luedtke is going to be very much involved."

"At the retreat, everyone will receive information on how we're going to implement the diversity plan we presented to the Irvine Foundation and there has been appointed a President's

Advisory Council on Diversity and Internationalism. The representation on the council cross-cuts all divisions of CLU, including Admissions, Student Affairs, Residence Life, Academic Affairs, Administration and Staff and Human Resources."

The Campus Diversity Initiative, or CDI, is designed to facilitate institutional change in two ways. The first is to increase demographic diversity among students, faculty and administration. The second is to enhance the climate for diversity through in-depth analysis and the curriculum, instead of just offering cultural programs, said Director of Multicultural and International Programs and President's Advisory Council member Juanita Pryor Hall.

Pryor Hall said that faculty members can receive grants to infuse diversity in the curriculum.

"We're trying to work on every level of campus with students, faculty, staff and administration to improve the

climate on campus for diversity and cross-cultural competency among all our students," she said. "Our job is to move the grant along through re-granting and oversight process."

**"The idea is to infuse diversity through the curriculum."**

**Juanita Pryor Hall**  
Director of Multicultural and International Programs

"Professors will have the opportunity to revise the curriculum and pedagogy [and] there will be workshops to help them," Pryor Hall said. "The idea is to infuse diversity through the curriculum."

Pryor Hall said that the retreat is open to the CLU community.

"The retreat is to allow people to

give input and to give people an opportunity for on-going participation," she said.

Greenlee said that members of the council are allocated a certain amount of money to implement the diversity plan in their respective fields.

"The mandate of the Irvine Foundation is to serve the people of California," Greenlee said.

The retreat will start at 8 a.m. with breakfast and finish at 3:30 p.m. Attendees will listen to Dr. Edgar Beckham, senior fellow at the Association of American Colleges and Universities; be introduced to members of the President's Advisory Council; and participate in discussion groups related to diversity issues at CLU.

Attendance at the retreat is limited to 130 people and reservations can be made with Joan Jedrzeje at ext. 3160 or at jedrzeje@clunet.edu. Name, e-mail and campus phone numbers are required to make reservations.

# Ambassador speaks on free trade

By Erick Elhard  
STAFF WRITER

The Organization of American States visited campus last Wednesday in a less than traditional way. Courtesy of the videoconferencing capabilities available in the Spies-Bornemann Center for Education and Technology, representatives from the OAS simultaneously conversed with students at two universities.

The OAS was chartered in 1948 and is currently composed of 35 nations, from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. The OAS is primarily concerned with free trade, the trafficking of illegal drugs, freedom of speech and civil society's involvement in government in the western hemisphere.

The transnational conference took place in Ed-Tech 139 between CLU; the OAS, headquartered in Washington D.C.; and Denison University in Granville, Ohio. It lasted nearly two hours and was hosted by CLU Spanish professor Dr. Jessica Ramos-Harthun. Three ambassadors from the OAS spoke and responded to questions from the students.

Ambassador Luigi Einaudi, assistant secretary general of the OAS, spoke on issues like "governability" and free trade.

"Now that everyone's democratic in some form, the question is, how do we translate that to day-to-day government and issues like lost jobs? We may overlook the negatives like improving security and well-being, but they're still there," Einaudi said.

He alluded to the prospect of free trade being a tricky proposition and



Photograph by Sarah Garcia

*With the ambassador on the television screen and the conference on the projection screen, junior Mark Neilsen and senior Robert Boland listen in on the discussion.*

said that negotiations with countries or groups of countries are the first steps toward progress.

"The question of free regional trade is a fascinating one because it's never been done," Einaudi said.

The ambassador also responded to questions about whether relaxed borders will increase drug trafficking and illegal border crossing.

"Openness in any area carries with it costs, as seen by September 11 ... [but] we can't live separate lives like our ancestors did," Einaudi said. "I am optimistic that increased consciousness will combine right with job opportunities for resolutions."

Senior Katie Hotze, who was ad-

vised to attend the conference by two of her professors, offered her opinion on the presentation.

"I thought it was very interesting," Hotze said. "It was great to get to talk to Ambassador Luigi because I know he's been very busy in Haiti and still took the time to talk with all of us."

Special Adviser on Trade Jose Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs spoke on the emerging Free Trade Area of the Americas, which began in 1994. FTAA's mission is an effort by the heads of states and governments from 34 democratic countries to unite the economies of the Americas into a single free trade area.

Salazar-Xirinachs reiterated the importance of free trade, quoting statis-

tics like the 12 percent growth of Latin American exports to main world trading partners from 1988-1998, which was a higher rate of increase than that of Japan or Europe.

"Every year the market becomes more and more open," Salazar-Xirinachs said.

The final presenter, Jose Manuel Castañeda-Resendiz, alternative representative of Mexico to the OAS, spoke on the issue of hemispheric security. In the days prior to the videoconference, all the participating governments passed the OAS' Declaration of Security, which he said would offer protection for human beings, their rights, solidarity and sovereignty. It was five years in the making and covers such issues as terrorism, natural disasters, HIV, environmental degradation and drugs and weapons trafficking.

"We recognize that security threats are diverse and multi-dimensional in scope ... it's not a binding agreement, it's an expression of the political will of our government," Resendiz said.

"I encouraged my international marketing class to attend for two reasons," said Dr. Randall Donohue, CLU professor of business. "First, to experience the video conferencing technology. Second, to see the importance of these multilateral trade-related organizations, which Bush isn't putting too much emphasis on."

CLU President Luther Luedtke gave the event's introduction. He explained that the transnational videoconference was important in accomplishing CLU's mission to prepare students to be leaders in a global society.

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## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

### today november 12

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**French Club Meeting**  
F-5  
6 p.m.

**Student Recital Class**  
Chapel  
6:30 p.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel  
9:11 p.m.

### thursday november 13

**College Democrats**  
Nygreen 2  
7 p.m.



**Black Box Productions**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Intramural Volleyball**  
Gym  
8 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

### friday november 14

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Black Box Productions**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Club Lu: Casino & Bingo Night**  
SUB/Pavilion  
10 p.m.



### saturday november 15

**Kingsmen Football vs. Whittier College**  
Mt. Clef Stadium  
1 p.m.

**Black Box Productions**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

### sunday november 16

**Intramural Flag Football**  
North Field  
12 p.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

**Intramural Volleyball**  
Gym  
8 p.m.



### monday november 17

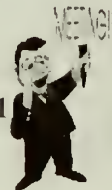
**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

### tuesday november 18

**Brown Bag Series**  
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Want to know more? Call the Campus Ministry office at x3228.

### CDI/CAMPUS DIVERSITY

In June the good news came that CLU was awarded \$400,000 over a 3-year period "to increase student, faculty and staff diversity and transform the organizational culture, as part of the Campus Diversity Initiative."

At this retreat you will have the opportunity to be a part of something new and exciting in the campus life of CLU.

**Friday, November 21st at Posada Royale in Simi Valley from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (starting with breakfast)**

130 person attendance limit. Make your reservation as soon as possible by emailing [jedrzej@clunet.edu](mailto:jedrzej@clunet.edu)

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# RHA promotes sobriety

By Heather Peterson  
STAFF WRITER

Alcohol Awareness Week provides students with information about the effects of alcohol and offers activities that don't involve alcohol. Alcohol Awareness Week kicked off on Monday, Nov. 10.

On Monday, students signed a sobriety contract in the Student Union Building stating that they would be alcohol-free for the entire week. Residence halls also had their own alcohol awareness activities, and plastic cups were passed out that had the schedule of activities for the whole week.

"I signed the sobriety contract because I can concentrate on other activities besides drinking," senior Shirine Ghafouri said.

On Tuesday, students went to the flagpole for root beer from root beer kegs.

Crashed cars were placed on campus on Wednesday to show the effects of drinking and driving. In a drug and alcohol survey taken by California Lutheran University students last semester, about 25 percent of students admitted to driving under the influence at least one time.

"Drinking and driving is such a stupid thing to do, especially when there are so many ways to avoid it. People don't think

of how terrible the consequences can be when they drink and drive," senior Deanna Dean said.

Open-Mic night is at "The Need" on Thursday night, and some statistics taken from the CORE alcohol and other drugs survey taken by CLU students last semester will be presented.

"Students take more notice when the statistics are about them personally as opposed to national or state averages," said Beckie Lewis, RHA programmer-in-charge of Alcohol Awareness Week. "It really hits home when the statistics are from CLU students."

Monte Carlo Night and bingo night

are back by popular demand and have been combined this year. These two events will take place on Friday at the SUB and in the Pavilion. Students can enjoy "mocktails" and have the chance to win over 10 trips to Las Vegas and/or Laughlin, as well as other prizes. The top money winner at Monte Carlo night will receive one of the 10 trips to either Las Vegas or Laughlin.

"I think Alcohol Awareness Week does have an impact on some people, but others don't really think much of it," senior Jeremy Soiland said. "It's hard to change someone's mind about alcohol in just one week, but the fact that the statistics are from us makes it a little closer to home."

# Universities recruit CLU students

By Brian Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

The Career Center hosted its second annual Graduate Fair in the quad area between the Humanities and Nygren buildings on Friday, Nov. 7. Twenty-nine of the 30 graduate schools invited attended the event, offering information on graduate and doctoral programs.

"Attendance doubled from last year," said Cindy Lewis, director of Career Services. "No one was a no-show, which is unheard of."

Students packed the area from 10 a.m.

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Cynthia Smith  
Career Counselor

to 2 p.m., gathering information from such schools as Pepperdine, Chapman and California Lutheran University.

Career Services gave students an early

start on getting the information they need for graduate school.

"We hope we gave the students information on grad programs as well as the interview and application process," said Cynthia Smith, career counselor. "We hope to get students thinking about getting the application process started early."

The Career Center put considerable time into planning this event.

"It takes about four months to get our fair done," Smith said. "We plan way in advance."

Career Services has enough information to accommodate students unable to

attend the event.

"We have a list of all the universities attending on the Career Services website with links to every school," Smith said. "For those that missed, contact the Career Center for recruiter info."

The fair was deemed a success by the Career Center.

The event will take place again next semester, but on a Wednesday instead of a Friday. The Career Center hopes the day change will accommodate students who could not attend this semester. For more information on the grad fair, contact the Career Center at 493-3196.

# Bills passed allocate funds to residence halls

By Heather Hoyt  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University's Residence Hall Association has passed three bills in the last two weeks that will improve a few of the residence halls on campus.

The first bill, passed at the Oct. 27 meeting, allocated \$3,000 to Old West for the purchase of a new pool table. The next bill allocated \$600 to Mount Clef for the purchase of a couch. And, after much discussion, the third bill allocated \$451 to Thompson Hall for the purchase of a DVD/VHS player and a collection

of DVDs. The last two bills passed at the Nov. 3 meeting.

RHA's biggest program of the year, Alcohol Awareness Week, began Monday, Nov. 10, and ends on Friday, Nov. 14. On Friday night, the RHA is sponsoring Monte Carlo Night with a casino and bingo theme and will serve "mocktails."

"We have over 10 trips to Las Vegas or Laughlin to give away as prizes for bingo. This is the largest number of trips we have ever had to give away and we are really excited about it," RHA Programmer Beckie Lewis said.

Other prizes include gift certificates to local stores and restaurants.

Suzie Roslund, National Communication Coordinator for CLU, attended The Pacific Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls conference last weekend. PACURH is an annual regional conference held at University of California at Santa Barbara in November. Roslund took 10 RHA delegates with her to the conference to present "Battle of the Sexes" and "Service in a Box" for program of the year.

"Both of our programs got picked to be presented at PACURH, which is really exciting. It's rare that both submissions from a school are picked," Roslund said.

Last week's Homecoming Carnival

was well-received by students, as were many of the other Homecoming events. The RHA was in charge of four booths at the carnival. Members agreed that they went very well and next year, the only thing they might change is including more prizes at each of the booths.

"The carnival booths looked great. It's the best set-up I've ever seen at CLU," said Angela Naginey, RHA adviser and director of Residence Life.

Pederson Hall won the CLU spirit stick for the most attendance at Homecoming events. The next chance to win the spirit stick will be during Hall Caroling in December.

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## Campus Quotes

### What is one thing you would tell your teachers?



Rachel Pensack-Rinehart, communication/sociology, 2006

"The syllabus needs to coincide with actual course material and assignments."



Michelle Courtenay, psychology, 2004

"We need more class participation, especially in our upper division classes. They also have to realize school is not our only life."



Lyssa Jacobsen, theater arts, 2006

"We are not given enough time to do work for our other classes; they think their class is the only one we have and they don't appreciate us working hard for the [art] productions."



Victoria Reinhardt, history, 2004

"Emphasize and follow through with office hours. If there are going to be changes, let the students know."



David Sundby, philosophy/religion, 2005

"They need to stick to the syllabus more often. They shouldn't say they are going to cover a certain topic and then spend more time on another topic."



Rob Boland, political science/Spanish, 2004

"The grading scales need to be more accurate and not based on thousands of points."



Jacqueline Ramirez, business, 2005

"They add and take away assignments at the last minute."



Corissa Gall, liberal arts, 2005

"They make the syllabi vague and unclear."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Tessa Woodey. Photography by Danny Ermolovich.

## Students and staff learn self-defense

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

Jennie Balise taught California Lutheran University students and staff self-defense techniques in Overton Hall on Nov. 8.

Members of the same sex formed groups of two to practice the techniques for defense against attacks from one person. Balise said that there are advanced courses that teach techniques against multiple attackers.

"I come from a background in working with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse," Balise said. "I have about 20 years in that field, in various capacities as an activist and working on hotlines and in shelters."

"Now, I'm a marital/family therapist intern and I work in private practice with survivors. I became interested in what can be done to prevent people from having to go through those experiences. For me, personally, it's been really energizing and positive to be part of getting ahead of assaults and preventing assaults from happening."

Balise said that statistics show one

in three women and girls over the age of 13 will be sexually assaulted and that using the voice strengthens a self-defense act 30 to 40 percent.

"Seventy to 80 percent of those assaults will be perpetrated by someone she knows ... about 50 percent of assaults take place during the day," Balise said.

She said that girls and women ages 9 to 90 had fended off their attackers using self-defense and the techniques could be taught to people of all physical capabilities.

"For a time, I was working with the L.A. Rape and Battery Hotline and we were teaching self-defense to women with various physical disabilities," Balise said.

She also explained what to do to prevent an attack.

"The no. 1 thing I would say is to really be aware of your surroundings and to trust your guts," Balise said. "I would say trust the creepy feeling if you feel it and be willing to be assertive, to tell somebody to go away or that they're too close. Being assertive can prevent, I would say, 90 percent of the [attacks] from happening. The attacker is looking

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Jennie Balise  
Self-defense Instructor

for somebody who's going to make a good target."

Many students who attended the event found the information and the safety defense strategies to be very useful.

"I thought it was very beneficial to all the people who attended," junior Jared Perry said. "I'm an RA, so I'm going to bring it back to Thompson [and] I'm going to show my residents more about it as well. I feel pretty safe [at CLU]. But then again, I'm a guy who's had some training with the CHP (California Highway Patrol) but I just want to make everyone safe as well."

Sally Sagen, coordinator of Residence Life and Area Residence coordi-

nator organized the workshop, said,

"I'd taken a lot of self-defense workshops before this, but I think one of the most important things to see was how empowering it can be for so many of the students. Personally, I think there were a couple different techniques that I learned that I hadn't learned before."

"I feel pretty safe [at CLU]. I know that there are certainly times when our safety may be threatened but I think that I personally make an effort to be more aware of what's going on in my surroundings. I think that a lot of people, like Klay [Peterson] said, can be lulled into a fake sense of security here and I think it's just really important to be aware of everything that's going on around us."

Sagen said that Women's Resource Center director Dr. Kateri Alexander had already organized the event.

"It just ended up [going] very well as we were doing programming with the safety whistles we're passing out, as well as all the things that have been happening on our campus this year," Sagen said.



# Alumni exhibit includes thoughts on U.S.

By Lindsay Elliott  
STAFF WRITER

The art of California Lutheran University alumni will be featured in the Kwan Fong Art Gallery of Art and Culture throughout the month of November. John Luebtow presents his glass sculptures and David Waage and Carlmike Lagasca display their photography.

Waage and Lagasca's exhibition, titled "Glimpse of India," provides viewers with black-and-white photographs of everyday life in India. Many of the photographs include images from markets and small shops, groups of children and individual portraits.

Luebtow, who graduated from CLU in 1967 and currently resides in Chatsworth, Calif., has been featured in over 190 art exhibitions for his glasswork.

"[My glass is] a melding of personal, national and political, circuitously questioning, what have we done to get where we are? Where are we going? These forms merge the feelings promulgated by life's harsh truths," Luebtow said.

Most of Luebtow's pieces are made up of glass and brushed aluminum. His "Linear Form Series," which includes 15 pieces, is a prime example of his signature media. Part of this series is commissioned by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Luebtow attributes his method of creating his glass sculptures to the pursuit of the line.

"Line evolving from the drawings of the female nude. Line expressing movement and the rhythm of energy," Luebtow said. "Line creating forms through its extension, expressing my primary sculptural concerns with what I call linear form."

Luebtow's work on display follows a colorless theme, except for his American-themed work. "Flag on Grid, Ode to Congress Gridlock, What Becomes of a Dream Deferred #3, Where are We Going" is a piece that is composed of glass, enamel, rebar and a chrome-plated aluminum base.

"Enameled kiln-formed tormented glass finds itself sagaciously welded and in alliance with the frayed unruly, constrained, constricting imposing steel



Photograph by Rebecca Humana

Student Billy Proctor examines one of John Luebtow's glass sculptures in the Kwan Fong Art Gallery.

cable," Luebtow said.

Clearly his American-themed pieces, which include "Flag on Grid" and "Why?(What becomes of a dream

deferred?)(Where are we going)", showcase Luebtow's thoughts and opinions on the pursuit of the American dream and society in general.

## Student-run plays to open this week

By Kaytie St. Pierre  
STAFF WRITER

The student-run Black Box Productions will open this weekend in the Little Theater. These productions are completely student directed and produced.

The term "Black Box" is used because the plays are generally performed in the Little Theater, where all the walls are painted black.

"This is a very intimate setting," said student and Black Box director Brianne Hervey. "The audience is only 10 feet away, so it brings the action right up to them and allows them to become involved and enjoy the show. They become a part of the show and the energy."

This year, there are four one-act plays: "Blueberry Pie," "At Home," "Split" and "Does this Woman Have a Name?"

Senior Joannie Bryant is directing "Does this Woman Have a Name?" which is primarily about relationships.

"I really like putting my own creative style and vision to work," Bryant said. "It is fun to get away from teachers into a totally unstructured environment. There are no rules and I can do whatever I want."

"Blueberry Pie," which was directed and written by Hervey, is about a woman who has been attending a diner every year for the past 60 years to relive the memory of a lover who was lost in Pearl Harbor.

Jaime McEnnan and Kelly Murkey, both seniors, each directed a one-act play that make up a complete story. "At Home," directed by Murkey, is about a couple who seem to have had an ideal relationship, but have real problems.

"Directing has given me a chance to see a much more holistic perspective that forms the big picture, instead of focusing on just a single character," Murkey said.

McEnnan's play, "Split," takes place about two weeks later when the couple has divorced. It shows how their friends react and what happens in their lives after the divorce.

Directing the plays is a new endeavor for each of these students, who are mainly used to being on the stage, not behind the scenes.

"It is hard to remember that I am not going to be on the stage," McEnnan said. "The actors are the ones that are seen and given the recognition, but I love having the opportunity to follow my own vision. How the show ultimately ends up is how I say it is going to be."

The Black Box performances start Nov. 14 and 15 with "Does this Woman have a Name?" and "Blueberry Pie," and conclude the following weekend, Nov. 22 and 23, with "At Home" and "Split." Performances will take place in the Little Theater at 8 p.m.



Photograph by Rachael Carver

Freshmen Ashley Cook and Chelsea Taylor ride on the Sizzler during last weekend's Homecoming carnival.

## 'Tom Thumb' is complex and witty

By Michael Cabral  
STAFF WRITER

"Tragedy of Tragedies: Tom Thumb The Great, An Adult Comedy" was written by Henry Fielding and is directed by Michael Arndt.

This tragic play is full of twists and turns that students, teachers, alumni and others are sure to be entertained by.

The first act introduces the audience to a typical Shakespearean setting of medieval customs.

Arndt's creative direction takes the audience through different periods of time ranging from the Old West to the Roaring Twenties and into the future.

Rob Schneider, playing the role of King Arthur, has an awesome stage presence and delivers a comical performance that left the audience laughing even after he exited the stage.

Kelly Murkey, playing the role of the drunken Queen Dollalolla, was also just as funny. In fact, each character in the play was hilarious and complemented one

another.

To get a really good idea of "Tom Thumb," one would probably have to see the play more than once. The play was presented in pentameter form, meaning each line has 10 beats. The humor portrayed was adult, although I would not be surprised if a child would have been entertained.

The costumes and the effects were a show of their own. In fact, the costumes in "Tom Thumb" were so accurate and impressive that they could probably be used in a play on Broadway or at the Ahmanson Theater.

The idea of changing the period of time in between each act was perhaps the most creative twist on the play. It not only kept the audience involved, but also gave new light to creative settings, stunts and costumes.

This is a production that could easily have failed if the costumes, sets, actors and creativity had not been all in key. However, Arndt, the performers and the set crew managed to entertain the audience with this successful performance.

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# OPINION

## XM radio not needed in SUB



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Recently the Senate approved \$610 to purchase an XM Satellite Radio for the SUB. The \$610 will pay for installation of the unit and a one-year subscription to the XM Satellite service. I believe this expenditure will benefit only a small contingent of CLU students and that the money could have been better spent.

The placement of high-end audio equipment in the SUB seems pointless. Students go to the SUB to check for mail,

send mail, or attend school-sanctioned events held there. It would be difficult to enjoy the benefits of commercial-free radio during the five or 10 minutes it takes the average student to check his or her mailbox. In addition, so far as I can see, The Need and other school-sanctioned events held in the SUB do not require the use of XM radio. Since The Need provides, almost exclusively, live entertainment, which negates the use of a radio, this purchase seems poorly planned.

This \$610 expenditure only benefits a few people: members of the ASCLU and students who work at the SUB desk. Commuter students (who comprise about 44 percent of the undergraduate population) and students who just go to the SUB to get their mail gain nothing from the purchase.

On the other hand, maybe the XM Satellite Radio will encourage students to spend more time in the SUB. Even if this is the case, I believe the money could have been used in a manner that would have

benefited a larger percentage of the student population. For example, \$610 could have purchased 25 or 35 new books for the library. Those books would be available to all students and have the power to educate in a way that commercial-free pop music cannot. This money could have been used to buy art or drama supplies, gym equipment or intramural sports equipment.

But perhaps I'm just jaded and cynical. After all, The Echo's office is located in the garage of a student house. We don't even have a bathroom; in fact, the only amenities are a beat-up CD player and a refrigerator, both of which were donated by former Echo staff members and not paid for with student fees.

Our elected officials acted out of self-interest when they passed this bill. The XM Satellite Radio will benefit members of the student government more than students who elected them. Since most students spend little time in the SUB, I think free AM/FM radio is more than adequate.

## Liberal bias is a reality in media

By Brian Roberts  
COLUMNIST

Aside from greatly disagreeing with Brett Rowland's editorial last week, I feel that it's time for a conservative viewpoint to help others understand why the media is perceived as being biased. This is not meant to demean any articles or beliefs that our editor in chief may have. However, if a topic brought to the surface has a liberal spin to it, I'm going to counteract it by standing up for the other side of the spectrum.

If one wants to view facts about true liberal bias, all one has to do is drive down to the bookstore and pick up a copy of Bernard Goldberg's "Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distort the News."

This New York Times bestseller was not written by a conservative, a Republican or even a moderate. Goldberg is, in fact, a liberal Democrat. While the facts about reporters being liberal are true — in fact, 50 percent affiliated themselves with the Democratic Party and only 4 percent with the GOP — the fact that editors are not liberals because of sales and advertising could not be farther from the truth.

Goldberg worked for CBS for nearly 30 years, winning seven Emmy awards, and he was once ranked by TV Guide as one of the 10 most interesting people on television.

However, in a span of a couple of months, he was fired from his position because of an op-ed piece he sent to the Wall

Street Journal and his criticism of an editor for a liberal story.

In the op-ed piece to the Journal, Goldberg opened the nation to the first forms of media distortion in the news, mainly showing off the bad sides of the major three network anchors — Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings.

"The problem is that Mr. Rather and the other evening stars think that liberal bias means just one thing: going hard on Republicans and easy on Democrats," said Goldberg. "But real media bias comes not so much from what party they attack. Liberal bias is the result of how they see the world."

But like Rowland said in his editorial last week, the reporters do not decide what goes on broadcast television; their editors and producers do, right? Claiming that reporters have no say in what is produced is absolutely false. True, they do not sit in dark corners and plan strategies on how to slant the news. They don't have to; it comes naturally to most reporters. They do not believe they have a liberal viewpoint because most who are liberal do not want to be associated with the word and the connotations that go along with it.

Goldberg's book tells the story of what he did to get fired. It all started when he criticized a piece by fellow reporter Eric Engberg on presidential candidate Steve Forbes. Now, I know this is not the hottest and most attractive news piece, but it raised enough eyebrows to show where the news stands on the political stage. Engberg's

piece completely humiliated Forbes with "facts" that turned out to be false. The editor went to the cutting table and left every aspect of liberal bias in the article, while taking every remotely true fact out.

Liberal bias exists. It's a fact to anyone who isn't a Democrat. Everywhere I go, liberals complain about the No. 1 news station right now, FOX News. They claim it has a conservative agenda and deliberate slant to it. They continually shout the names of Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity as proof that FOX is run by Republicans. However, most seem to forget about Alan Colmes, who works along side Hannity, on their "Right vs. Left" debate show.

Many people don't believe there's a liberal bias in the media because they do not consider what the news anchors are saying to be liberal. The complaints come from conservatives who see how the news topics are being distorted and repackaged to fit the left wing's agenda.

This is exactly what liberals claim when referring to FOX News. They complain the GOP agenda is being pressed, even though FOX is the only network that has both left and right viewpoints. Liberals' claims turn into oxymorons when they defend broadcast television and then bash FOX News. They are doing the same thing conservatives are doing.

However, don't tell them that, because to them, they aren't doing anything wrong. If it is freedom of speech for liberals to protest a war, why can't Republicans cry blasphemy against networks?

# OPINIONS

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# Kingsmen soccer closes season with three shutouts

By Lindsey Rarick  
STAFF WRITER

## Kingsmen Blank Chapman 2-0

The California Lutheran University men's soccer team shut out Chapman 2-0 in a nonconference game Monday at Orange.

The action started in the first few minutes of the game as senior striker Danny Ermolovich scored in the third minute from an assist by sophomore midfielder Mark Tevis.

With Chapman in a panic from the Kingsmen's early first goal, the game began to get increasingly more physical. A Chapman player fouled one of the Kingsmen and, as a result, the second goal came in the 8th minute of play from Tevis, who scored off of a free kick taken by senior midfielder Kevin Stone.

"The first 20 minutes was the best we've played all season. We were on fire," senior captain Willy Jennett said.

The mud caused by the adverse weather conditions made passing difficult, but the Kingsmen overcame the obstacles by connecting passes and moving the ball quickly.

At the end of the first half, the score remained 2-0 with the Kingsmen in the lead.

"After we got two goals, it was hard to keep footing on wet ground. We tried to maintain our style of play, but we had to alter it a little," Head Coach Dan Kuntz said. "Chapman sent everyone forward so we had to stay organized and play balls quickly out of the back. With a wet field, anything could happen."

In the second half, Cal Lutheran was able to hold the lead due the Kingsmen's defensive effort. Chapman outshot the Kingsmen 9-3 in the second half, but CLU keeper Jamie Lavelle stepped up to provide six vital saves to preserve the shutout.

"I only have good things to say about our Chapman game. I was so proud of them, it made me emotional. The trainers were great. They kept me warm even though it was freezing outside," senior captain Rody Rafeh said.



Photograph by Dan Norton

*Freshman Kyle Murray fights for the ball with a Caltech opponent on Nov. 5.*

## Aschim Nets Two In Win Over Caltech

The Kingsmen soccer team beat SCIAM opponent Caltech 6-0 Wednesday at North Field.

In the first half, senior Dean Klipfel was eager to score as he netted the first goal one minute and 37 seconds into the game off an assist from Tevis.

"Tevis crossed it to me, I brought it down accidentally and put it in the back of the net," Klipfel said of his early goal.

The second goal came less than a minute later from junior midfielder Greg Allen off an assist by senior Havard Aschim. The third Kingsmen goal was scored 10 minutes and 38 seconds into the game by Aschim. In the 18th minute of SCIAM play, Allen and Aschim figured into the scoring once again. This time Allen provided Aschim with the assist, allowing him to score his second goal of the game. The Kingsmen continued to keep the pressure on Caltech throughout the first half, outshooting them 16-5.

"We played well but we just played down. We could have moved the ball around more," sophomore midfielder Michael Falcone said.

The second half began with a 4-0

Kingsmen lead. Caltech did not give up, continuing to fight, especially midfielder Meghan Crowley. The Kingsmen did not mind playing against a woman on an all-men's team.

"I don't really care about playing against a girl. She's one of the better players on their team," said sophomore midfielder Justin Green.

"She can hang with the guys. I think she's a good player," Ermolovich said.

Despite the second-half efforts of Caltech, the Kingsmen scored two more goals. Junior striker Todd Norman dribbled past Caltech defenders and shot the ball past the Caltech keeper in the 49th minute to score the fifth Kingsmen goal. In the 76th minute of play, freshman Alex Candia scored the final Cal Lutheran goal, making the final score 6-0 Kingsmen.

"I think we can play better than today, but what happens is that we play to a certain level and play down a bit. But after six goals, what more can one want," Assistant Coach Doc Kuntz said.

## Men's Soccer Wins Last SCIAM Game

The Cal Lutheran men's soccer team finished its season with a 2-0 shutout over SCIAM opponent Occidental Friday at

North Field.

With their final win, the Kingsmen ended their season with an overall record of 9-10-1 and a record of 8-6 in SCIAM league play.

In the first half, the Kingsmen battled with the Tigers. The fouling was also evenly distributed, with eight fouls called on the Kingsmen and eight on the Tigers.

As the play began to get increasingly more physical, one CLU player was given a yellow card, as was an Occidental player. The first half ended with CLU and Oxy in a 0-0 tie.

"We knew it was going to be a pretty physical game. We talked about moving the ball around quickly so we could prevent injury," Kuntz said.

In the second half, the Kingsmen put their scoring power to work, netting a goal only seven minutes into the half. The goal was scored by Rafeh from an assist made by Ermolovich.

Six minutes later, in the 58th minute of play, Aschim scored off an assist by senior midfielder Stone. The goal by Aschim marked his team-leading 10th of the season.

"It was so great that Rody scored in his last game playing at CLU. It was also a perfect end to Havard Aschim's career here at CLU, being our leading goal scorer," Kuntz said.

With the score 2-0 in the second half, the Kingsmen worked hard both offensively and defensively. In the second half, Cal Lutheran had 11 shots on goal, while the Kingsmen defense held Oxy to only three shots in the second half.

Cal Lutheran preserved the 2-0 SCIAM win in their final game of the 2003 season.

CLU keepers Lavelle and senior Jason Block shared time in goal. In 60 minutes of play, Lavelle made one save, while Occidental keeper Brandon Hickie was forced to make six saves.

"It was an emotional day with eight seniors graduating. I thought the men handled it very well. We were definitely the better team on the field and we showed that. We wanted to finish off our season with a win," Kuntz said.

# Regals end season with a pair of wins

By Justin Shore  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's soccer team concluded its season with a 1-0 victory over Chapman University and a 2-0 win over CSU Hayward.

The Regals finished the season with an overall record of 9-7-3.

Although previously eliminated from playoff hopes, the Regals battled and defeated Chapman College on Nov. 3 by a score of 1-0.

Aubrey Hutchinson scored the only goal of the contest in the 82nd minute from a pass by transfer student Danielle White.

"I am very happy that I transferred to Cal Lu this year. The coaching was good and everyone on the team was so nice to each other. I will miss being around the girls," White said.

One goal was all it took for a Regal victory. Goal keeper Pamela Clark made four saves, shutting out Chapman.

The Regals played their final game on Nov. 6 with a 2-0 win against CSU Hayward.

Senior captain Bonnie Bornhauser concluded her collegiate career with a game-winning goal in the 23rd minute of play. With the goal, Bornhauser scored a



Photograph by Dan Norton

*Ashley Warmuth wins the battle for a header over a CSU Hayward opponent.*

team-leading nine goals this season.

"A win was a great way to go out. I am going to miss my team, especially the seniors. I feel good about leaving this program because I know that players like Amber Anderson will continue scoring goals in the future," Bornhauser said.

Amber Anderson added an insurance goal in the 74th minute. With her sixth goal of the season, Anderson ranked second among Regal goal scorers.

Clark tallied three saves and ended her collegiate career with a shutout.

Although the Regals did not make the playoffs, Head Coach Dan Kuntz remains very proud of his team.

"This is one of the best teams that I have had at CLU. Our record is no indication of the women's talent level. I am especially proud of the seniors for their leadership and their hard work," Kuntz said.

# Water Polo loses three in SCIAM

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University water polo team was defeated 20-4 by Whittier on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The Kingsmen are now 1-12 overall, and 0-5 in conference.

The four CLU goals were scored by Jared Clark, Mark Nielson, Jamie Aronson and John McAndrew.

Aronson scored his goal with only seconds to go in the third period.

"I caught the goalie off guard when I shot from half court," Aronson said.

Goalie Andrew McGranahan recorded 13 saves for the Kingsmen.

The Kingsmen played two close games on Friday, Nov. 7. They were defeated 14-6 by Claremont-McKenna and nearly beat Caltech, but fell 13-11.

"We'll beat Caltech next time, when we play them this weekend at the SCIAM tournament," Aronson said.

Aronson scored three of the six goals for CLU in the game against Claremont.

The Kingsmen will be competing in the SCIAM tournament this Saturday at Whittier College.



# Baseball team holds annual golf tournament

By Kyle Wells  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team held its 24th annual Sparky Anderson/CLU baseball golf tournament at the Tierra Rejada Golf Club in Moorpark, Nov. 3.

Players from around the community participated in the event with a number of well-known athletes, including Sparky Anderson, Rick Dempsey, Mike Liberthal

and Lance Parrish.

"The tournament was a lot of fun, and it was great to be able to meet and play with some of the old ball players," said Andrew James, tournament participant and CLU baseball player.

Marty Slimak, head baseball coach at CLU, organized the event. In the past, the golf tournament has been the biggest fundraiser for the CLU baseball team, and this year was no exception.

A silent auction was held in addition to the golf tournament. Many of the celebrity

participants donated personal memorabilia to support the team.

Autographed bats, balls and jerseys were some of the items up for bid in the auction.

"Overall, the fundraiser was very successful," Slimak said.

The proceeds of this tournament will go toward new equipment for the CLU baseball team and travel costs not covered by its budget.

"The lengths in which the baseball program goes to make sure we are set for

the season is really great," said Roy Riley, CLU baseball player.

Even though the Sparky Anderson/CLU baseball golf tournament is the biggest fundraiser for the team, it is not the only one.

The CLU baseball team holds a 50-inning fundraiser in which players are sponsored by individuals and businesses, who donate \$1 per inning they play.

The team also runs the snack shack at CLU football games, where they earn the profits from the food and drink sales.

## Football falls 34-24 at Oxy

By Etienne Emanuel  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University's three game winning streak was snapped this week on the road as they came up short against the Occidental Tigers, 34-24.

Occidental put the first score on the board going up 7-0, but the Kingsmen answered immediately, with a 37-yard field goal by Alex Espinoza, followed by a 48-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Casey Preston to Peter Gunny.

The Tigers then picked up three more touchdowns making the score 27-10 at the half.

"We just fell behind early and couldn't

catch them; they out-played us. We had several chances at some big plays, but we couldn't come up with the stops," Quinn Longhurst said.

The Tigers found the end zone again in the third and increased their lead to 34-10. The Kingsmen rallied. Preston scored from a yard out and then connected with Jimmy Fox for a 10-yard touch down, but it was too little, too late.

Preston was 15-37 for 260 yards. Gunny had three catches for 115 yards and Fox had six catches for 93 yards. Fox moved into second place on the all-time career receptions list at Cal Lutheran.

"I think we just came out flat and we never recovered from falling behind early," Prentice Reedy said.

## Volleyball ends season with 7 straight losses

By Luke Patten  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University volleyball team lost both of its matches last week to end what was a rather forgettable season.

The losses extended the team's losing streak to seven matches in a row, ending the season with a record of 6-19 overall and 4-10 in conference play. The Regals finished seventh in the SCLAC standings.

In the last home match of the year CLU hosted Pomona-Pitzer. The Regals came out slow and lost in three games. The games scores were 30-16, 30-28 and 30-24.

"We wanted to go out like we started, but we kind of dropped the ball a little," sophomore Keely Smith said.

Freshman Meredith Nelson and sophomore Christie Barker led the CLU offense with 12 and 11 kills, respectively. Smith led the team with 24 assists while freshman Jessica Hagerty added 12.

On the defensive side, junior Brianna Morse came up with a team-high 14 digs while Schneider added 13. The Regals finished with a match-high five blocks.

For their final match of the season, the Regals traveled to Claremont to face Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

The Regals were able to stay close in each game, but still lost in three. The game scores were 30-25, 30-26 and 30-23. The team failed to win a game in any of their last four matches.

"It wasn't that we wanted the season to end, but you can only lose so much before you start getting tired of it," Smith said.

Katie Schneider led the way for the Regals in this match with a team-leading 14 kills while also recording 15 digs. Morse was the leader in digs with 17. Smith finished with a match-high 33 assists.

"We have nowhere to go but up. We didn't want the season to end because we have so much talent and so much potential, and you can only say that so much, but we really improved on the little things this year," Smith said.

## Intramural Sports

### Flag Football Results Nov. 9

Death Inc. 38, Snipers 34  
Aquaflina 56, That's Enough 24

Bad Boys 46, Da Braddas 27  
Kentucky Straight 73, Los Polos Diablos 12

### All-Stars

Chelsea Ward  
Matt Broussard  
Carly Sandell  
Cesar Costales  
Robert Boland  
Ashley Warmuth  
Carrie Mitchell  
Greg Semerdjian

### Playoff Schedule Nov. 16

2 p.m.  
Death Inc. vs. Aquaflina

3 p.m.  
Bad Boys vs. Kentucky Straight

### FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

BAD BOYS	5-0
AQUAFINA	4-1
KENTUCKY STRAIGHT	4-1
DEATH INC.	3-2
SNIPERS	3-2
THAT'S ENOUGH	3-2
DA BRADDAS	2-3
LOS POLLOS DIABLOS	2-3
SHOCKERS	1-3
THE MOOSES	1-3
BIG BALLIN'	0-4

Brackets for Flag Football and Volleyball are posted on the bulletin board in the gym.

### Volleyball Results Nov. 6

Mystery Meat def. The Buttons

MJ2KBR57 def. That's Amazing (forfeit)

Bust a Move Groove def. Free Agents (forfeit)

### All-Stars

Heather Worden  
Greg Semerdjian

### Results Nov. 9

MJ2KBR57 def. Aces Wild  
Chivos y Chivas def. Mystery Meat

### All-Stars

Nick Namba  
Mark Jordan  
John Galer  
Rachael Carver

### Playoff Schedule Nov. 13

9 p.m.  
Wilson vs. Shooting Stars  
The Buttons vs. Bust a Move Groove  
10 p.m.  
MJ2KBR57 vs. Minna  
Chivos y Chivas vs. Aces Wild

### VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

MJ2KBR57	6-0
WILSON	6-0
CHIVOS Y CHIVAS	6-1
SHOOTING STARS	3-3
THE BUTTONS	3-4
ACES WILD	2-3
MINNA	2-3
BUST A MOVE GROVE	2-5
THAT'S AMAZING	2-5
MYSTERY MEAT	1-5
FREE AGENTS	0-4

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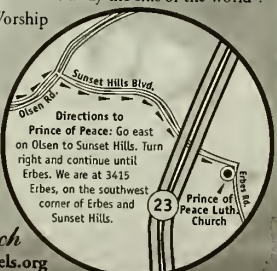
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## Recycling needs work on campus

By Erick Elhard  
STAFF WRITER

Where students put their trash on campus affects the university and the environment.

CLU has 19 trash bins that get "tipped," or emptied, between 3-5 times per week and 12 recycling bins that are on a once-a-week emptying schedule. This process requires two separate trucks from G.I. Rubbish Company; one for standard waste and one for recyclables. Annually, G.I. Rubbish's services cost CLU over \$60,000. However, a great deal of money could be saved if students, staff and faculty would separate their waste into the appropriate recycling receptacles.

"It is only 20 percent of the cost to dump the recycling Dumpster compared to a regular Dumpster," said Ryan Van Ommeren, director of facility operations and planning.

This translates into an 80 percent savings per Dumpster, per empty for CLU. It costs \$322 for one month of emptying all 12 recycling bins on campus, compared to the thousands of dollars to "tip" the 19 waste bins.

It is also important to ensure that everything is put in its proper place. The university pays G.I. Rubbish for a specialized service where many types of recyclable materials, including cardboard, glass, No. 1 and No. 2 plastics, paper and metal can all be put into the same recycling bins on campus. Later, the contents of the bin are sorted, separating out all the recyclables and removing the non-recyclable trash. However, this sorting process only works to a certain point.

"It's [the contents of the recycle bins] run through a conveyor belt at the landfill and sorted by hand," said Marco Alcaraz, customer service representative at G.I. Rubbish. "The people try to remove the trash, but if there's too much of it, then it's dumped because it's considered a contaminated load."

Van Ommeren admitted that contaminated loads can be a problem at CLU.

"It's always a challenge to have the custodians keep things separated, but we're working on it all the time," he said.

Students are also guilty of contaminating the recycling bins. An investigation of the receptacles behind Mogen Hall on Monday showed two nearly empty green waste bins, and a clearly marked blue recycling bin half full of plastic garbage bags filled with miscellaneous waste, the majority of it appearing to be not recyclable.

Bill Rosser, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, is a proponent of recycling at CLU.

"We all need to do our part to recycle, renew and reuse," Rosser said. "On the promotion end of things, more could be done [on campus]. Make sure more people understand the impact of recycling. Make it more easy and obvious for students to recycle."

By Brian Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

The Parson Foundation has donated \$50,000 to the Pearson Library to help renovate the building. Library renovations will include reconfiguring the shelving and lighting.

The process of receiving a grant from private organizations takes time to finalize.

"CLU has a process for approaching foundations to fund projects," said Julius Bianchi, associate provost for Information Services. "The first step is to determine what type of grant a foundation will likely fund along with timelines and guidelines for submitting proposals. With private foundations, requests are more likely to be funded if there is some personal contact with the foundation."

Once the first steps are completed, the administration has to sign off on a grant

planning approval form. Sometimes there are specific forms with questions, and other times the application is submitted in the form of a letter.

"CLU went through this process with the Parson Foundation to improve accessibility to library holdings," Bianchi said. "In particular, we requested funds to begin replacing the compact shelving in the library, and when the application is completed, the final grant approval form and the proposal have to be approved by the provost, vice president for finance and administration and the president."

The Parson Foundation grant will be spent primarily to reconfigure the library stacks.

The biggest obstacle to making the change is addressing the lighting issues in the library facility. Plans are being made to reuse the existing shelving and install it in a new area in the library. The library has worked with Facilities, an architect, and lighting experts to create a lighting plan

for the area where the new stacks would be located.

"The plan also calls for relocating the library computers and current periodicals," Bianchi said. "We also plan to reconfigure the space vacated by the Scandinavian Cultural Center into a new study space and shelving for the curriculum lab collection."

The lighting plans and budget for the project are complete, and the project also included supplemental money from the university's budget to address additional lighting issues and carpeting. However, the university funds that would supplement the grant have been deferred to the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

"We are always grateful for grant money," Bianchi said. "The university could not accomplish nearly as much as it does without the generous contributions of the donors and the gifts we receive through private foundations and the state and federal government."

# Gambling at Casino Night

By Heather Peterson  
STAFF WRITER

Club Lu went Vegas-style last Friday night. Bingo and Casino games were played in the Student Union Building and in the Pavilion.

In the SUB, students were given \$100 in fake money to play with at several different casino games including black jack, craps and roulette. They were also given the chance to increase their money by spinning a wheel with odds of 1 to 1, 2 to 1, 5 to 1, 10 to 1, 20 to 1 and 40 to 1.

The five students with the most money at the end of the night won a trip to Las Vegas, Nev. The trips include three days, two nights at the Silverton Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. Sophomore Evan White was the top winner, ending up with over \$17,000.

Outside in the Pavilion, students had the chance to win over 46 different prizes by picking them out of a box. These prizes included 10 trips to Las Vegas or Laughlin, Nev., Mann Theater movie tickets, and gift certificates for Noah's Bagels, among other prizes. Senior Kristin Smith won one of the trips to Laughlin, Nev. The trip includes three days, two nights in a hotel and a prime rib dinner.

"It was really fun to go to Casino Night and watch everyone win prizes. And I'm really looking forward to getting to go to Laughlin," Smith said.

Casino Night marked the end of Alcohol Awareness Week. During the festivities, RHA members handed out "mock-tails" to all the students in attendance.

"There was a really good turnout of CLU students," sophomore Alexandra Mallen said.



Photograph by Rachael Carver  
Senior Lissa Merrill places a bet at the craps table.

# "Movie Night" draws large crowd

By Jennifer Pfautsch  
STAFF WRITER

Programs Board reviewed past events and discussed future changes to the Club Lu schedule at the Nov. 10 meeting.

Movie Night was a big success, said the Programs Board at Monday's meeting. There were 230 students in attendance.

"People had a lot of fun. 'Radio' was filled with CLU students," junior Eliz Baesler said. "It was great."

Attendance was scattered, but "Radio," starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris, was the most popular with students.

"I think it went really well and everyone was excited," said event planner Jen Carlson.

Several suggestions were given to further improve "Movie Night" for next year. Baesler suggested providing snacks, while Robby Larson, director of Student Programs, suggested going to a theater further away that would be willing to show the newest releases.

Club Lu's planned event of Laser Tag for Nov. 21 is being replaced with another event because the place is booked, said Programs Board Director Courtney Parks.

Laser Tag will hopefully be worked into Club Lu's schedule in January. The

event will be replaced with Karaoke Night in the SUB. The leopard coat-clad Karaoke King, who has provided other Club Lu events with music, will be the disc jockey. Krispy Krems doughnuts will also be provided.

Ice skating is booked for Club Lu on Dec. 5. Students can skate from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Public skating goes until 9:30, so there might be some overlap, but is hardly a concern.

Jimmy Fox reported that the next Senior Pride social will be the first week in December with hopes of it being held at Black Angus. Specifics will come in weeks to follow.

# CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER 19, 2003

a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
november 19

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Lord of Life Church Council Meeting**  
Chapel Lounge  
7:30 p.m.

**Rotaract Meeting**  
Overton  
8 p.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel  
9:11 p.m.

**thursday**  
november 20

**Hawaii Club Meeting**  
Mogen Hall Lounge  
6 p.m.



**Black Box Productions**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Intramural Volleyball Championship**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

**friday**  
november 21

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Wind Ensemble**  
Chapel  
8 p.m.

**Club Lu: Karaoke**  
SUB  
10 p.m.



**saturday**  
november 22

**Black Box Productions**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**sunday**  
november 23

**Black Box Productions**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
2 p.m.

**Intramural Flag Football**  
Championship  
Mt. Clef Stadium  
3 p.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.



**monday**  
november 24

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygren 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Program Board Meeting**  
Nygren 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygren 1  
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# AAW crashes into CLU

By Heather Hoyt  
STAFF WRITER

Last week's RHA meeting was canceled in honor of Alcohol Awareness Week. AAW is the RHA's biggest program of the year and their goal is to use a combination of passive and active programs to inform and educate the students on alcohol-related issues. Much planning and coordinating time goes into it to make it a very memorable program.

AAW began Monday, Nov. 10, and ended on Friday, Nov. 14. The halls had something planned for each night of the week and Monday night was the big kickoff. About eight members of the RHA executive cabinet walked around to each of the halls to check out their active and passive programs for the night.

Mount Clef took over the bulletin board in the entryway and covered it with facts and statistics about alcohol and drunk driving. They also had a root beer keg and gave out red plastic cups with the AAW schedule on them.

Pederson had a dance party outside and hall President Aaron Rosenberger brought both his computer and speakers outside to DJ the event. Pederson's ARC, Nicole Hackbarth, served up

root beer floats while residents hung out and listened to the music. During the event, an announcement was made that students from various residence halls had "died," and the alcohol-related story of how they died was read for the group.

Thompson had originally planned to have a toga party, but at the last minute it dropped the toga theme. Nevertheless, residents like Joe Henley still came dressed in togas despite the cold weather. The hall council prepared snacks and mocktails for the event, including a large cooler full of "jungle juice." A group of students sat at a table in the corner playing "drinking" games with cards.

New West did a sports bar-themed party with Monday Night Football on TV and decorated to match each of the teams playing that night. The hall served nachos and pretzels, and New West Programmer Jen Ledesma served root beer floats and made Jell-O shots with Sprite.

Old West hung statistics in the lounge for people to read while munching on nachos and M&M's and drinking root beer. It played the movie "Old School," and quite a few students came down for the viewing.

MKH had a luau for their active



Photograph by Rebecca Hunau

Two crashed cars were placed on the Humanities building steps early Wednesday morning to show the effects of drunk driving.

program, with beach music playing and games like beer-goggles limbo. Each person came in the door got a lei with a statistic about alcohol. Not only did they give out the AAW cups, but MKH President Stephanie Snyder and MKH Programmer Kate Fornaca made

cups with more alcohol-related facts on them to use with their strawberry margarita mocktails.

The RHA members were proud of the work that went into Monday night's programs and happy with the turnout at the events.

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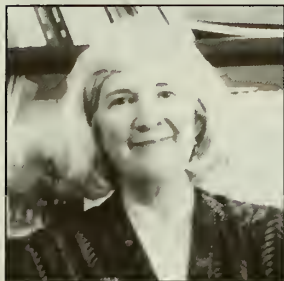


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## FEATURES

## Campus Quotes

## What is one thing you would tell your students?



Dr. Pamela Brubaker, religion

"Enjoy your life, but make it count for something."



Dr. Xiang Chen, philosophy

"Ask questions."



Dr. Bruce Stevenson, English

"Never forget Mother's Day."



Dr. Margaret Prescott, communication

"Use your college experience to learn about as many things as possible and always ask questions."



Dr. Michael Shaw, bioengineering/physics

"It always helps to keep one eye on the horizon."



Dr. Henry Alegria, chemistry

"You have to know your limitations."



Dr. Jarvis Streeter, religion

"Show up for class and do the reading."



Dr. Jessica Ramos-Harthur, Spanish

"Enjoy your life, but study hard."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Lindsay Elliott. Photography by Danny Ermolovich.

## Registration is not a reason to stress

By Michael Cabral  
STAFF WRITER

Worrying about what courses are important to take, finding time to balance one's school and social life and making that decision to take an early class are just some of the problems facing students during registration.

Each year brings advantages and disadvantages to registration. Freshmen have a lot of time to take classes and by senior year, students are first in line for registration.

"I usually don't stress around registration time because I usually have a good idea on what classes I am going to take," said sophomore Sarah Gray.

Knowing what classes students are going to take a few days before they see their adviser relieves some tension.

"Students should not worry about completing their core requirements freshman year; it's fine to spread them out over the first two to three years," said Dr. Sharon Docter, chair of the communication department.

Everyone has their own theory about

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Dr. Sharon Docter  
Chair of Communication Dept.

what influences their scheduling process.

"First of all, the teacher is a very big part of it; then what the time of the classes

are, and also the convenience. I don't like having scattered classes during the day," said senior Sean Ruitenber.

Students shouldn't stress if they still have core classes midway through junior year. Many majors' classes also cover core requirements.

"I would use college as a time to experiment with taking different kinds of classes. If a student has an interest in music, literature or biology, don't let your major restrict you. Take courses that interest you and are even out of your comfort zone," said Docter.

## CLU Wind and Jazz ensemble sure to delight

By Kelly Jones  
STAFF WRITER

There is hidden treasure at California Lutheran University that is only heard during evening practices and performances: the Wind and Jazz Improvisation Ensembles.

The wind ensemble has been under the instruction of Dr. Daniel Geeting. He also started the jazz ensemble last year to improve the jazz skills of students. The

wind ensemble is comprised of 45-50 CLU students and the surrounding community. They play a wide selection consisting of traditional American band music and a variety of world music from contemporary sources. They perform throughout the year, including an annual concert at Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

"I think it is a very good and unusual thing for a school this size to have a wind ensemble this good," Geeting said.

The jazz ensemble that was started in

2002 is dedicated to learning of basic approaches to jazz and improving the skill level of each student. They perform with the wind ensemble at all of their performances as well as a few smaller on- and off-campus shows.

"The jazz and wind ensembles are very talented and Dr. Geeting is a great conductor. I am looking forward to hearing the jazz ensemble because I am a huge jazz fan," said sophomore choir member Allison Eagans.

The jazz and wind ensemble will be performing in a concert called "Hidden Gems." The jazz ensemble will be featured, doing on-the-spot impromptu performances. The concert takes place on Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Samuelson Chapel.

"I went to the CLU choir and symphony show and really enjoyed it, so I am looking forward to the 'Hidden Gems,'" said sophomore Any Bates.



## 'Take Back the Night' involves CLU and community

By Kaytie St. Pierre  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University students and staff are planning a "Take Back the Night" event set for April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness month. The committee had their first meeting to plan the event last Thursday, Nov. 13.

"Take Back the Night" is a non-profit candlelight vigil to protest against domestic violence and sexual assault. The event will include a rally with speakers and music. Participants will march around Thousand Oaks with glow sticks.

"Sexual abuse happens all the time to both men and women alike, but no one talks about it," said Michelle Taylor, student and head of "Take Back the Night" in Ventura County. "This is a protest saying we are not going to take it anymore."

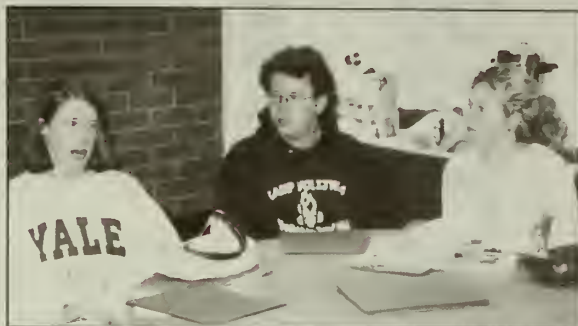
Lindsey Heitman started this organization about four years ago. It started with

about 20 people and involved passing out flyers around campus and the community to raise awareness about sexual assault. The committee took the administration on a walk where people would hide in places that attackers could hide and jump out at the administration. This emphasized the importance of safety and led to installation of the blue lights on campus.

"As a woman, I shouldn't have to be afraid to walk around campus," said sophomore Allyson Fredericksen.

Along with wanting to involve as many of the community members as possible, the organization wants to involve local businesses and high schools. This would include organizations such as the local police and fire departments, Planned Parenthood, Oxnard and Moorpark colleges and CLU clubs.

"The more we network, the bigger the event and the more empowering," Taylor said. "The more people involved, the more



Photograph by Danny Ermolovich  
Lindsay Hertman, Nick Gordon and Michelle Taylor discuss "Take Back the Night."

impact the event will have."

The participants at the meeting broke up into committees to cover all aspects of planning the event, such as planning the route, finding speakers and performers for

the rally and involving local newspapers.

Students interested in participating in "Take Back the Night" should attend the next meeting on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center.

## Diamond relates geography and environment to world

By Tessa Woodey  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, Nov. 10, California Lutheran University students, faculty and the local community were invited to attend a speaker series in the Samuelson Chapel. Dr. Jared Diamond spoke on how "Ancient History Comes Alive in the Modern World."

Diamond spoke on his theory based on his studies of geography and environmental science. The theory challenges old culture and race-based theories by questioning why certain civilizations are conquered while others are not. It also focuses on how ancient civilizations have shaped the challenges that many face today.

Civilizations that seemed to have a

head start in food production advanced beyond the stages of hunting and gathering and went on to develop writing, government, technology and religion. They adventured across land and sea to conquer preliterate tribes.

One theory given by Diamond concerned the Maori people of New Zealand in the 1800s. The European traders went to New Zealand to trade guns, or muskets, for agriculture. These were known as the "Musket Wars." It then quickly turned into tribes with guns versus tribes without guns. Diamond put this into modern perspective by stating, "today we are concerned with the spread of nuclear weapons."

Another topic addressed was the role of society and the spread of technology.

This was illustrated through the different organizational styles of Microsoft and IBM. Microsoft is a company that has a hundred different groups interacting and working together. They try out different ideas and receive information and feedback from others on how to fix or change those ideas. IBM, however, is a company that has groups also working on ideas, but they are isolated and do not interact with others outside their group(s). Therefore, Diamond concluded that IBM was not successful in spreading technology as Microsoft.

"I thought his metaphor for technology was very extensive where he had a way of distinguishing countries strengths and weaknesses," freshman Piamor Jacobse said.

Diamond gave many more arguments relating to geographical and environmental factors and how they shape the modern world.

"I thought he was interesting: how history is shaped by geography and his perspectives of Europe and China and how they have progressed in the world," freshman Jean Libby said.

Diamond won a Pulitzer Prize for his best-selling book "Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fate of Human Societies." He was also awarded the MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant and the Tyler Prize for environmental science. He is currently a professor of geography and physiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He has been teaching there since 1966.

## Poetry reading inspires students and staff to write

By Marybel Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

senior Shauna McGaha.

The English departmental assistants, which include Rachel Eskesen, Emily Moore and Katharine Boyd, put the event together. In addition to planning the event, the assistants were in charge of publicizing the event and providing refreshments.

"I've been writing for myself for over ten years now, like in journals and stuff, but just recently got into poetry," Boyd said.

Boyd is inspired by works of Shakespeare and Frost, but feels that singers can

be great poets, too.

"Have you ever really listened to a singer's lyrics, like really listened to them? Like Tori Amos: I consider her as great a poet as just about anyone," Boyd said.

After CLU alumni Chris Moya was the first to read his poem, Ledbetter invited him to go look at his table of prizes. The prizes included several items brought in from Ledbetter's home, from old shoes to old paintings.

Among the readers that night was Dr.

Ernest Tonsing, a retired CLU professor. Tonsing's poems talked about his childhood. "Pen and Ink" described what it was like growing up as a young boy in school. The poem went into great detail on how much harder it was to be a student back then compared to being a student now. Tonsing was not the only one who relied on memories for inspiration.

"Memories, I think, are what inspire me to write the most; memories and the people that come in to my life," Boyd said.

## Game 'Lament of Innocence' awkward yet addicting

By Mathew Berner  
STAFF WRITER

been tried and published. Unfortunately as apparent with the return to 2-D games, 3-D had been the wrong way to go. Many fans were worried when Konami announced that the next Castlevania would be completed using the third dimension. For nearly 14 years, every Castlevania game of note had been two-dimensional scrollers. While many didn't know what to expect from Konami and the development team working on the project, "Lament of Innocence" leaves little to complain about.

Horror strikes Leon Belmont as Dracula captures his wife-to-be. Abandoning his position and role in society, Leon leaves his previous life behind in hopes of rescuing his betrothed. However, the game's hero is no ordinary man; Leon Belmont descends from a great line of vampire hunters. Once again, a lone hero enters Dracula's domain and castle in hopes to gain back something

precious. With whip in hand, Leon is able to parry, block and attack in any number of combinations while simultaneously using vast and mysterious relics serving countless purposes.

With a learning curve of about half an hour, "Lament of Innocence" can be quite vexatious as you become accustomed to the controls and learn the ineffectiveness of button mashing.

Whether dodging, parrying or combining moves, you will often find that survival, while imperative, rarely relates to the player's skill and much more to common sense, such as the realization of enemy tactics and simply running away when your life is uncomfortably low. With button mashing leaving you defenseless and straight up shielding creating a lack of damage, "Lament of Innocence" leaves most battle aspects and the technique re-

finement necessary for victory up to the player.

Do stupendous graphics and visual stimulation create an excellent game? No, they don't, but they most certainly make a well-planned and already-addicting game more fun to play. One of the most impressive 3-D action adventure games on the market, "Lament of Innocence" spares no room in processing power as it is displayed at 60 frames a second. Unfortunately, an uncontrollable camera leaves much to be desired in the world of interaction and 3-D design. With exploration and maneuverability through and behind obstacles, the longing to reposition the camera continually becomes a problem. Fortunately enough, complaints regarding the game's camera system pales in comparison to the overall delights to partake of within the game.

After a series of popular 2-D Castlevania games, Konami attempts once more to break the mold in creating the world of whips, swords, daggers, and most importantly, vampires in an interactive 3-D environment. "Lament of Innocence" is not only the most exquisite Castlevania game since "Symphony of the Night," but is also perhaps the most electrifying and noteworthy action/adventure game made for PlayStation 2.

Why fix what is not broken? "Castlevania: Symphony of the Night" is considered by many one of the greatest games on the PlayStation, and yet it was released in 1997. Since the release of "Symphony of the Night," 3-D Castlevania games have



# OPINION

## Alcohol week needs new ideas



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Alcohol Awareness Week has changed little in the three years that I have attended this school. It is time for new ideas. The fake car crashes, chalk-outlined bodies on the sidewalk and endless barrage of statistics about the dangers of drunk driving simply don't make the cut. Certainly these methods make students more aware of the dan-

gers of alcohol, but they do not promote responsible drinking.

Furthermore, some of the activities carried out during Alcohol Awareness Week this year were simply offensive. For example, putting signs on the doors of student dorm rooms that falsely inform residents that one of their peers died the night before in an alcohol related accident is shocking. For 10 minutes on Thursday morning, I believed that one of my fellow CLU students had died in a car crash. Later, after walking around campus, I discovered that the flyers were simply anti-drinking propaganda. That's a hard trip to swallow before an 8 a.m. class. Not only does this make students question the validity of notices posted on their doors (i.e. the little boy who cried wolf), but the faking of a student's death in order promote alcohol awareness is

the moral equivalent to putting pictures of aborted fetuses on students' doors to promote abortion awareness.

The week's finale is Monte Carlo Night, during which students are served fake cocktails and then encouraged to engage in gambling, an activity that rewards risk-taking and is considered by some experts to be addictive. And, in an act of complete hypocrisy, winners are given a free trip to Las Vegas, the sin capital of the United States, where free alcoholic beverages are passed out to gamblers.

In future years, I would suggest that Monte Carlo Night be replaced with an activity that is not so closely associated with drinking and risk-taking. Perhaps a movie night or a Christian rock concert would better fit the theme of alcohol awareness.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo,

I just wanted to make a few additional comments to last week's article entitled "Conservatives quashed." I had the delightful pleasure of interviewing Ben Shapiro a few hours before he spoke at the Republican Club. First, I want to state my disappointment that more professors and liberals did not attend the speaking engagement. Ben Shapiro is not your regular 19-year-old college student.

He is an exceptional young man, starting at UCLA at 16, becoming a nationally syndicated columnist by 19 — up there with David Limbaugh, Larry Elder, Ann Coulter. He is a virtuoso violinist and is interviewed weekly on several national radio stations across the country.

The guy debated with Al Sharpton, one of the nine Democratic presidential candidates. Despite the constant debate with his liberal professors and fellow students, Shapiro has a wonderful sense of humor and a delightful personality.

My first question to Shapiro was what he considers, besides the pressing issue of Islamic terror and fanaticism ("the most immediate danger"), the most important domestic/social problem facing America today. He stated, "bias against Christians." This is coming from a practicing Orthodox Jew.

"The contempt for Middle America, for religion on campus, and so forth has got to stop. It's not politically correct to be a Christian. Every other religion is accepted except this one."

The most important thing Shapiro has to say to high school and college students is to stay well informed on social and political topics in order to formulate their own opinions instead of blindly following Hollywood, MTV or their professors. He also suggests reading — a lot. Shapiro spent his summer reading over 50 books, which included biographies, history, politics, economics and some works of fiction. If Shapiro had one wish, it would be that the left-wingers (you barely hear that phrase in the press; I wonder why?) make honest arguments.

To find out more about Ben, go to [www.benshapiroonline.com](http://www.benshapiroonline.com). His book entitled, "Brainwashed: How Universities Indoctrinate America's Youth," is scheduled for release next May. Whether you align yourself with the right or left, this book is a must-read and will most probably confirm what you already know or have experienced.

Simone M. Rizkallah  
Marketing Communication, Alumna, Class of 2003

Dear Mr. Rowland,

I have wanted to respond to your very extreme point-of-view articles in the Echo for a while now, but I have decided to finally do it. Your editorial in the Nov. 12, 2003, issue of the Echo was very unfair toward the ASCLU and student workers in the SUB. You sound like you are expecting pity and resources from the university, as well as the students here, because you have to produce The Echo from a university house garage. What I do not understand is why you have decided to pick on this one expenditure. It is a mere \$610! Let it go, man. I hope that you have read an article in your own paper, the one on page 3, titled "Bills passed allocate funds to residence halls" by Heather Hoyt. I live in Pederson Hall. How does a \$451 purchase of a DVD/VHS player and a collection of movies benefit me if I am never in Thompson Hall to use them? Do I reap benefits from the spending of \$600 for a new couch in Mt. Clef?

Just because a person will not gain direct reward from the expenditure of funds does not justify you calling them "pointless" and "poorly planned purchases." They are there to benefit those in that area of campus. If a student chooses to not go to the SUB and check their mail, then that is the student's decision. However, while they are there, it would be enjoyable to have an uninterrupted music and radio source.

Hindsight is always 20-20. If at the end of the year, the ASCLU decides that the trial run was unsuccessful, then there is always an option to cancel the service. If there are not any new ideas and trial runs, then no change would come to pass. What is the worst that could happen? All we would be losing is a mere \$610. I believe that once the installation is complete and students have a chance to experience the use of it, a survey should be given out to determine if the expenditure has been beneficial to those who chose to use it. There are many other wasteful expenditures that the university has, and picking and choosing which ones are actual waste is not going to help matters at all.

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## Union re-opens Ralphs to consumers

By Devon Bostock  
COLUMNIST

Two weeks ago, I attempted to cover both sides of the grocery strike, even though my initial motivation was to blast the union for its selfishness. I wrote a story that was supportive of the stores and even the union workers, but not the union itself. I could find no evidence to support any of the claims the union was making.

Now, in the latest development in the grocery strike, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union has pulled its picketers from Ralphs stores within California. The union says it wishes to make tough times easier on consumers after the destructive wildfires of the past few weeks. According to the union, Ralphs has been the most flexible during negotiations and its main targets are Albertsons and Vons.

This is an interesting change of opinion. Just a few weeks ago, before talks all but stalled, Ralphs was declared to be just as evil and greedy as the other two grocery chains. Now, after over a month of picketing, the story has changed for the umpteenth time.

First, according to initial stories, Vons and company had decided they could no longer afford to pay for their employees' health insurance. Then we found out that it was only a small sum that employees were being asked to contribute. After that, the focus of the strike was shifted to future workers whose benefits were in jeopardy. Then, it turned out that no changes of any great significance were being proposed.

Next, the union played the minority card. It painted a picture of the poor, single mother of three who would have to go on welfare because she could not afford to pay even a small amount for her health care. This type of person may exist in the union, but there are not many.

Of course, all the while, the union has maintained that Vons, Albertsons and Ralphs are the major sources of the problem. They even went so far as to sue Albertsons and Ralphs for locking employees out.

Now, in a time of great destruction in California, the union has stooped so low as to cite the wildfires as their reason for "re-opening" Ralphs to the public. The union is obviously desperate, and this move truly shows how badly public opinion has slipped from its side.

Over the past few weeks, it has become increasingly obvious that this strike is a money-making issue, not a humanitarian effort. If it were the latter, the striking employees would be back at work with only slight changes made from their previous contract.

Yet, as of today, they remain on the street with no benefits and very little pay. The union does not want you to see the real motivation behind this move. Like an assassin hiding in the shadows, the union has developed a plot to drive the dagger deeper into the stores' hearts, all the while using the victims of the wildfires to cover its tracks.

Why pick Ralphs? It comes down to this: Ralphs has the lowest amount of California business out of the three chains.

Obviously, since the strike was originated against Vons, there was no way the union could pick Vons to re-open, though if it were actually looking out for the convenience of the consumers, as it says it is, Vons would have been the best choice because most consumers already shop there. The same could be said for Albertsons, whose level of business also exceeds that of Ralphs.

In the end, Ralphs is the least threatening financial entity and the perfect pawn to use against Albertsons and Vons. Customers have been crossing picket lines, and as the strike has worn on, it has chipped away at consumer patience to the point that more and more people are starting to ignore the picket lines and go back to their normal routines.

This is the worst thing that could happen to the union. If consumers begin to ignore the lines and the stores start to function near their normal level, there will be no room to negotiate anything in the labor dispute. The union will lose.

In fact, if the strike continues much longer, many of the striking employees will find work elsewhere. The union is now in danger of losing members' confidence, money and even its members themselves.

So with great craftiness, the union is attempting to once again shut Vons and Albertsons down by opening Ralphs to the public. They are not giving up much to make this happen, since Ralphs is the least of their worries.

Their thinking is that if Ralphs is open, the people who would rather not cross the picket lines will shop at Ralphs instead of

the other two stores. As a side result, this will cause many products at the stores to go bad, resulting in a huge loss of money.

Since the teamsters have been honoring the picket lines and not delivering products, the shelves will thin out in Vons and Albertsons, driving even more customers away.

Pretty clever, but judging by how things have gone, it should only take the public about a week to figure out the truth, and the union will be forced to scramble again. It's losing the battle that it started.

My guess is that this strike will not last much longer. The union cannot afford to let it. It is not in it for the members or the community; it is in it to make money, and if it doesn't hurry and clean up its mess, there will not be much money to make.

I urge you to go back to your routines. The picket lines are fading. We, as consumers, can help end this strike, and hopefully as a result, get these union members back to work.

In fact, I've talked to more than a few who want nothing more than to get back to work.

Truthfully, many of these people are striking only because they have to. The alternative is to lose their place in the union and, consequently, their jobs. They do not deserve this.

We have the power to shop where we want, not where the union wants us to, and to show the union that we aren't falling for its lies. It will not take much to push the union to back down and end this. Support the stores, and in the end you'll be supporting the out-of-work employees.

## Studying abroad is easier than you think

By Jon Aquisti  
COLUMNIST

As the world becomes more competitive and the job market requires further specialization, now is the time to study abroad.

The experiences that one can receive in another country, whether personal or educational, can dramatically change the educational process.

Learning about a subject in person instead of reading from a textbook inscribes the knowledge far better than a pop quiz or final exam could ever attempt. Going out into the world and studying abroad is now becoming a popular means of education among college students. So, why isn't everyone studying abroad?

I believe it is because many students

do not know the basic facts about studying abroad. First and foremost, it is quite cheaper than a semester at CLU (depending on which program you choose). CLU does, in fact, offer a wide variety of programs that allow students to travel and learn in many different parts of the world.

The cool thing about CLU is that you do not necessarily need to use a CLU-approved program to go where you desire. In fact, many students pick and choose a program that fits their personality.

In the spring semester of 2004, I will be lucky enough to study abroad in Rome, Italy. This has been a process that has been continuous for almost a year now.

After searching the CLU Study Abroad website, there were no programs that sparked my interest. After searching on the internet, starting with the country

I desired, then searching study abroad programs within it, I was able to compile a list of universities and programs that suited me.

When students do not use a program affiliated with their home university, things tend to be a little more stressful, but that stress is a good thing. There is much more paperwork required and more drive needed by the student to grab hold of the opportunity, but it is well worth it in the end.

CLU does a wonderful job in assisting any needs you have in order to make a study abroad dream come true. Dr. Gooch, the registrar, your adviser, practically anyone who can assist you, will. These people all have contributed to my efforts in studying abroad.

There needs to be more emphasis put into the study-abroad programs at CLU. If

more people knew that studying abroad is a realistic event, more would do it!

If students knew that they could travel to other parts of the nation, or even the world, and learn what can not be taught in books here, the numbers of study abroad students would grow dramatically.

Rome is going to be an experience that I cannot even imagine. As a history major, I know that the experiences in Rome will stick with me throughout my job search, as well as the rest of my life. This is an opportunity that cannot be anything but life-changing.

If you are serious about studying abroad, contact the Study Abroad office at x3750 or your faculty adviser. Anyone at CLU is willing to help you make it a reality.

## Congress passes partial-birth abortion ban

By Brian Roberts  
COLUMNIST

When it comes to politics, there are many issues that people not involved in the political world agree on. Even though conservatives and liberals stood on opposite ends during the war on Iraq, over 60 percent of the nation supported the action.

When tax cuts became an issue this past year, an overwhelming majority supported the legislature. However, one topic that splits almost everyone down the middle is abortion.

Two weeks ago, conservatives had a huge win on Capitol Hill when Congress decided to ban partial-birth abortion. The issue has been brought to the surface again

with legal battles on the horizon to fight the ruling.

On Nov. 5, President Bush signed the bill into law - a bill which had already been vetoed twice by Clinton during his term.

The surprising data from Congress' decision is not that the procedure was banned, but that the final vote came in at 64-34.

In a decision rumored to come down to Vice President Dick Cheney's vote, Congress surprised the nation; but even more so, Democrats shocked Republicans. Seventeen Democrats jumped to the right wing and followed the ban all the way to its passing.

So what does this mean for abortion? About 30 states have enacted their own versions of partial-birth abortion bans, but

in many cases they have been overturned in court.

However, under federal law now, doctors cannot perform the procedure.

Any doctor who defies the new law and performs the procedure is subject to fines and up to two years in prison.

Although the measure is being challenged by the ACLU, which fought against patriotism in this country after 9/11, and Planned Parenthood, which actually helps mothers get an abortion rather than actually giving birth to their child, it will take up to three years before a final ruling is dealt.

Could this be why Democrats have filibustered four of the Bush administration's Supreme Court Justice nominees?

Well, finally Republicans are fighting

back.

Last week, Congress held a 30-hour "talkathon" to bring the nation's attention to Democrats unwilling to appoint any Bush-backed justice.

Abortion faces legal battles for the next couple of years. If reelected, President Bush is slated to ask Congress to eradicate all abortion.

And if his justices are appointed to the Supreme Court, a conservative's dream could become a reality, just as liberals' dreams did back in 1973.

"I see where this is going," Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said. "A couple of votes here or there in the next election, you can kiss Roe v. Wade goodbye."

A conservative can only hope and pray this comes true.



## SPORTS

## Kingsmen break records and Poets

By Etienne Emanuel  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University football team concluded the 2003 season with a record of 5-4 and took second place in conference after trouncing the Whittier College Poets 70-13.

It was the end of an era for the seniors who dedicated themselves to the program, and an extra-special day for wide receiver Jimmy Fox, who broke the school's all-time record for most career catches. Fox had 10 receptions in the game to bring his total to 176, overtaking previous record-holder Mike Hagen.

"I feel very fortunate to have been able to stay healthy for most of my career," Fox said. "I just tried to help the team any way I could, and we had a successful season with a great group of guys."

CLU also broke the school record for the most points in a game.

Whittier received the opening kickoff and managed two first downs, but found themselves in a long yardage situation after a sack by Casey O'Brian. Whittier then downed a punt inside the 5-yard line.

CLU was forced to punt. Whittier took advantage of the good field position and went ahead 7-0, but that was all for the Poets in the first half.



Photograph by Dan Norton

Seniors Jeremy Watties and Eddie Torres celebrate after Watties' touchdown catch in the Kingsmen's 70-13 victory over Whittier. It was the final game for 19 Kingsmen seniors.

CLU's offense caught fire and scored six touchdowns before the half. Casey Preston led the onslaught, scoring on a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

Preston found Fox, who made a diving catch in the end zone for the second score.

The next score was a slant to Alex

Gonzales, followed by Tyler Ruiz taking a handoff straight ahead for the touchdown.

Kicker Alex Espinoza got into the act and stole the show as he split the uprights on a 52-yard field goal.

Charlie Brown got a touchdown from six yards.

The defense even managed to figure into the scoring on an interception by Joey Stein.

The Kingsmen led 45-7 at the half.

The second half was more of the same. Chad Brown carried the ball in for a 1-yard score.

Preston threw a 5-yard strike to Gabe Solberg, who made a catch with a broken wrist.

CLU got a safety after a bad snap on the punt.

Jeremy Watties scored a touchdown on a short carry and Alex Espinoza hit a 32-yard field goal to make the score 70-7.

"This has been a fun year. We came up a little short, but Cal Lutheran football has been a good experience for me and I'll always be a Kingsman," safety Pat Casteel said.

Whittier mustered up another score, but missed the extra point, making the final score 70-13.

"We played well today. It was nice to see a lot of the guys who have worked hard for all these years go out with a big win. Jimmy Fox had a great career and it's a big accomplishment for him to get that record," Coach Scott Squires said. "We had a good year. We hoped it would have been a little better, but I was real proud of this team."

## Women in sports panel tackle issues of student-athletes

By Lindsey Rarick  
STAFF WRITER

Women representing soccer, volleyball, basketball and track participated in the panel discussion on the issues of being a woman, a student and an athlete.

Dr. Greg Freeland, a California Lutheran University political science professor, organized a panel of eight female student-athletes for the Nov. 7 discussion.

The panel discussion addressed what kinds of adjustments student-athletes must make to juggle academics and sports participation.

"Being in a sport forces you to prioritize and manage your time better," senior Dereem McKinney said.

Freshman soccer player Ashley Warmuth talked about her challenging soccer schedule with two games per week, one home and one away.

Warmuth suggested that spending less time with friends, planning ahead and getting phone numbers from friends in classes

are good ways to help cope with the demanding schedule.

Next, the female student-athletes responded to a question regarding overcoming injuries.

Freshman soccer player Belinda Alarcon had shoulder surgery six months ago, yet has fought through the season during her recovery.

"An injury really puts you down. It takes a toll on you physically and emotionally," Alarcon said. "It makes you appreciate life a lot more and makes you look at friends and see who's there and who's not."

Junior volleyball player Brionna Morse told about her experience sitting in the whirlpool for 15 minutes, getting ultrasound treatment and doing physical therapy before each practice.

"It's totally worth all the pain and all the suffering to be there. To play through it makes you stronger as a person," Morse said.

The panel addressed concerns regarding burnout and pressure from parents.

## XC season ends at NCAA Regionals

By Devon Bostock  
STAFF WRITER

Selected runners from California Lutheran University's cross country teams competed in the NCAA West Regionals in Portland, Ore., over the past weekend.

The men's team placed 13th out of 14 qualifying teams with a score of 310. The top placing SCIAC team was Pomona-Pitzer in fourth with a score of 105.

Out of five other SCIAC teams competing, CLU was only able to beat Caltech, who placed 14th.

Tyler Ross led the Kingsmen with a 28th place finish and a time of 26:48.1. John Cummings was 53rd with a time of 27:39.4 and Scott Siegfried was 75th with a time of 28:26.2.

Other times for CLU were: Grady Guy at 28:46.8, Anthony Knode at 29:36.9,

"I don't think it's the sport you get burned out in, I think it's the experience, including players, coaches, and parents," volleyball player Jessica Haggerty said.

The majority of the female athletes believed that their parents put just as much pressure on them as they would on a male athlete.

"My parents told me, 'If you're not going to play a sport in college, you might as well find a full-time job,'" basketball player Barbara "Oe" Zevale said.

Overall, Freeland thought the discussion went very well.

"Parents from the community brought high school kids here and part of the discussion was to inspire other female student-athletes," Freeland said.

The CLU female athletes were happy to voice their opinions and personal experiences in such a discussion.

"I really didn't know what to expect, and it was a well-rounded talk about women in sports," freshman volleyball player Melissa Jimro said.

Aaron Hutchison at 29:49.2 and Andy Miller at 32:08.5. Overall, there were 102 runners in the men's race.

The women placed 13th out of 15 qualifying teams with a score of 336. SCIAC opponent Claremont-Mudd-Scripps placed second with a score of 79. As on the men's side, the women were also able to defeat Caltech as well as nonconference rival Chapman University.

Heather Worden was the lead runner for the Regals, placing 55th with a time of 24:27.5. She was followed by Carly Sandell in 63rd 24:43.9 and Kristy Fisher in 67th at 24:54.0. Other CLU times were: Amanda Klever at 26:03.4, Emma Holman at 26:31.4 and Julie Miller at 27:32.9.

None of the CLU runners were able to advance to the NCAA Nationals in Indiana in two weeks, thus ending the 2003 cross country season.

Kingsmen/Regals  
All-SCIAC Selections  
& Awards

First Team All-SCIAC  
Harvard Aschm, Men's Soccer  
Bonnie Bornhauser, Women's Soccer  
Dean Klipfel, Men's Soccer

Second Team All-SCIAC  
Greg Allen, Men's Soccer  
Deanna Dean, Women's Soccer  
Denise French, Women's Soccer  
Katie Schneider, Volleyball

SCIAC Award of Distinction  
Pam Clark, Women's Soccer

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Flag Football  
Results Nov. 16

Bad Boys 38, Kentucky Straight 18  
Aquafina 39, Death Inc. 32

Championship Game  
Nov. 23

3 p.m.  
Bad Boys vs. Aquafina  
@ Mt. Ciel Stadium

Volleyball  
Results Nov. 13

Wilson def. Shooting Stars  
MJ2KRBS7 def. Minna  
Chivos y Chivas def. Aces Wild  
Bust a Move Groove def. The Buntions

## Results Nov. 16

Chivos y Chivas def. MJ2KRBS7  
Wilson def. Bust a Move Groove

Championship Game  
Nov. 20

9 p.m.  
Chivos y Chivas vs. Wilson

Water Polo drops three  
at SCIAC Tournament

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen water polo team ended its season with three losses at the SCIAC tournament this weekend.

The Kingsmen's first loss was on Friday against defending conference champions Redlands by a score of 18-3. Two of the Kingsmen's goals were scored by Mark Nielsen, followed by a goal scored by Jamie Aronson.

On Saturday, the Kingsmen lost to Whittier 16-4, and they fell to Caltech in a close overtime battle on Sunday. The Kingsmen finished their season with a 0-18 record.

Coach Craig Rond and the rest of the Kingsmen hope to come back in the next season stronger and more experienced.



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# Yearbooks will return

By Kyle Wells  
STAFF WRITER

This year, California Lutheran University students will not be receiving the usual yearbook CD, but an actual paper-bound yearbook.

The change to a yearbook from a CD came about with the help of David Grannis, director of educational technology at CLU. He felt that CDs were becoming outdated too fast.

"There are just too many changes in computer technology happening that it makes it hard for people to view their discs after they have upgraded to newer

software," Grannis said.

Another major factor that played a part in the change was that a book would always be accessible, whereas technological advances will surpass the era of the CD.

"A book will be much better than a CD because, in 20 years, I see myself thumbing through a book and not using a CD," said Julie Cole, CLU student and member of the yearbook staff.

The CLU yearbook staff is also preparing a DVD for the students of CLU. The DVD will be part of the yearbook and will contain video footage and images of CLU athletic teams and clubs. The yearbook staff wanted to keep student pictures and events like athletics and clubs separate

because of cost.

Currently, the only problem the staff has encountered has been the lack of support from the student body. With the declining reputation of the old CD yearbook, students are hesitant to volunteer to get their picture taken.

The new CLU yearbook will be presented to the student free from the Media Services Department. In the past, students had to pay for their yearbooks, which eventually led to the yearbook's demise. The total cost for this year's yearbook will be approximately \$8,000 for the books and \$1,500 for the DVDs.

Funds for the yearbook and DVD are coming out of Media Services' budget.

The yearbook staff wants to collect enough money to hand the yearbook out for free.

The yearbook will contain black-and-white student photos. Everything else will be contained in the DVD, which the yearbook staff will also produce.

"This is a kind of trial year to see how people like the yearbook and DVD," Cole said.

The trial run will give the yearbook staff information about what to change, and if the students of CLU like having a book versus a CD.

"All we need is the student support to make the new yearbook better," said Patrick Mason, CLU student and member of the yearbook staff.

## Visitation policy to be reviewed

By Heather Hoyt  
STAFF WRITER

Brooke Rafdal, president of Old West, is heading up a committee to review the visitation policy on campus.

"What we are proposing is to keep the current policy Sunday through Thursday, but change weekends, Friday and Saturday, to 24 hours," Rafdal said.

No changes have been made yet, but RHA has voted to present the proposal to Angela Naginey, Mike Fuller, Bill Rosser and Sally Sagen on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

In other business last week, RHA approved Director Alex Mallen's appointment of Dave Dorn as Thompson Hall president and Tim Gustafson as Thompson Hall programmer. Thompson's previous president and programmer had to step down early last month.

Two weeks ago, Suzie Roslund, National Communication Coordinator for California Lutheran University attended the Pacific Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls conference. Roslund presented CLU's "Battle of the Sexes" and "Service in a Box" for program of the year.

"Neither of our programs won, but 'Battle of the Sexes' was very close to winning, and we had a great time," said Roslund.

Pensack-Rinehart also announced the winners of the "Of the Month" program on Monday. Holly Hoppman won student of the month and Katy Wilson won resident assistant of the month.

## Karaoke draws students

By Brian Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

"It's amusing to watch people sing, regardless of how good they are," sophomore Samantha Freid said at karaoke and doughnut night, part of California Lutheran University's weekly Club Lu event, sponsored by ASCLU.

An estimated 80-100 CLU students attended the event in the Student Union Building. Students sang karaoke and ate complimentary Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

"I came because I needed to relax after a whole week of studying," sophomore Rachael Hanewinkel said. "I came with my friends, and we are kicking back and enjoying the [students] who are singing."

She cringed at the thought of singing, saying that she was a horrible singer and would only embarrass herself if she did.

"Me, sing? Are you kidding? Huh, that's a joke," Hanewinkel said. "I can only imagine what I would sound like if I did [sing]."

Patrick Ellingsworth took full advantage of the karaoke theme in a performance that Hanewinkel said



Photograph by Rachael Carver  
Junior C.J. Kridner and senior Chris Hauser sing 'N Sync's 'It's Gonna Be Me.'

was "awesome."

"I was studying and thought that it would be fun to take a break," Ellingsworth said. "I came to rock the place!"

Ellingsworth performed "Dead Man's Party" by the 1980s rock band Oingo Boingo. He said that he picked this particular song because he thought that it would be a crowd-pleaser.

"The crowd was feeling me and I was

feeling the crowd," he said. "Nobody else, including my roommate, was going to do it. So I decided to take up the slack."

Overall, the night was fun and veered students' minds away from studying, Hanewinkel said.

No Club Lu event is scheduled this Friday due to Thanksgiving. However, on Dec. 5, Club Lu activities reconvene with ice skating.

## Ramadan and Thanksgiving observed

By Brian Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

The International Marketing Class celebrated Ramadan and Thanksgiving together this year. "How You Celebrate Giving Thanks from East to West" brought the two holidays together for dinner last week in the Nelson Room and was funded by the Center of Leadership and Values.

The event marked the rare occasion when the two holidays fall on the same day.

Ramadan, which is observed in Middle Eastern culture, is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. It is during this month that Muslims observe the

Fast of Ramadan.

During the entire month, Muslims fast during the daylight hours and eat small meals in the evening.

Thanksgiving celebrates the gathering of the pilgrims' first harvest after landing on Plymouth Rock in 1620. The first actual Thanksgiving happened in 1621, a year after their arrival.

This year, the end of Ramadan and Thanksgiving falls on the same day. This affair only occurs once every 50 years.

Seniors Katie Hunt and Andrew Robison were the managers behind the project and brought in all the aspects of the night. Religion professor Dr. Jarvis Streeter gave the opening bless-

ing, followed by the main speaker for the event, professor of economics Dr. Jamshid Damoei. Around 85-90 people including students, faculty and community, signed up to take part in the event promoting the two cultural holidays.

"It was very successful," Hunt said. "Attendance is what we expected. The people really enjoyed themselves and the food was exceptional."

Food for the event included traditional dishes from both holidays. The event was catered by the Mediterranean restaurant Ali Baba in Newbury Park.

"The understanding of the two cultures came across very well," Hunt said. "This is only a one time deal because of the rare occasion."



## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
november 26

Worship  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Break  
1:30 p.m.

**saturday**  
november 29

Kingsmen Basketball vs. U. of Mary  
Gym  
7:30 p.m.



**monday**  
november 1

Classes Resume  
7:30 a.m.

Toys for Tots  
SUB  
All Day

ASCLU-G Senate Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.



ASCLU-G RHA Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

**tuesday**  
november 2

Toys for Tots  
Sub  
All Day

Brown Bag Series  
WRC  
12 p.m.



Kingsmen Basketball vs. West Coast  
Baptist Bible College

Gym  
7:30 p.m.

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~Jimmy Carter  
Former President  
2002 Nobel Peace Prize recipient

## Hungry for the Word?



When Friday rolls around, we tend to feel a big sigh of relief that we have survived yet another week. With all the busy schedules that accompany our lives, it helps to have a few moments set aside each week to feast on God's Word. Join us this and every Friday at 12 noon for a half-hour Devotional Eucharist in the Meditation Chapel.

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# School of Ed. reviewed

By Erick Elhard  
STAFF WRITER

To increase the status and attractiveness of California Lutheran University for current and future students, the university's School of Education invited the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education to campus last week. The main advantage to CLU of winning NCATE accreditation is that it will facilitate state-to-state credential transference for graduates.

Unlike many accreditation processes, seeking NCATE accreditation was a voluntary undertaking, set underway more than two years ago by former dean Carol Bartell; current acting dean of the School of Education, Dr. Mildred Murray-Ward; the acting associate dean, Dr. Julia Sieger; and other faculty, staff and administrators. The first step was to prove, in written form,

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Dr. Julia Sieger  
Acting Associate Dean

that the School of Education meets the six NCATE standards, which include faculty qualifications, unit governance and diversity of field experience.

"We have to have an assessment system that shows we're doing a good job for the program and the students," Sieger said.

After reviewing the written documentation, a panel of NCATE examiners

visited campus to analyze the program. The panel arrived at CLU on Sunday, Nov. 16, and was treated to a reception at university President Luther Luedtke's home. Following this was a poster presentation and informal mingling session at which NCATE members became acquainted with students and faculty involved in the education program.

"The [NCATE] team told us that everyone here was so gracious and helpful with this effort," Sieger said.

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, NCATE visited schools in Thousand Oaks and surrounding areas where CLU graduates were teaching or current CLU students were accumulating their student teaching hours. NCATE officials also appraised education classes to evaluate their quality and effectiveness. On Tuesday evening, the team convened to write its

response to what it had seen and met with Murray-Ward the next morning to discuss preliminary findings. The six standards were met, but the panel will construct and send a final report to NCATE's home office in Washington, D.C.

The board there will let CLU know of its final decision in March or April of 2004.

"It was a challenging experience, but one that gave us great ideas about how we can improve our quality," said Dr. Gail Uellendahl, director of the counseling and guidance program.

"[The NCATE process] was beneficial because [CLU students'] credentials are looked on more highly throughout the country," said Dr. Leah Herner, assistant professor of special education. "Also, it's a rigorous process, so our program gets better by going through it."

# Ritch Eich gets ready to brand CLU

By Heather Hoyt  
STAFF WRITER

Ritch K. Eich became vice president for Marketing and Communications at California Lutheran University in late July.

Eich is in charge of creating and implementing a communications and marketing program to increase CLU's image locally and nationally.

"We're taking a marketing approach in changes we're making at CLU. We're driven by data and we're making changes according to solid research," Eich said.

He oversees the offices and staff of University Relations, Public Information, Publications, Special Events and Sports Information. He also oversees the CLU website and the university's award-winning NPR station, KCLU-FM.

Eich has been working closely with the Facilities Department to beautify the campus and get rid of some of the "uglies" that may deter people from CLU. He has conducted walk-throughs and identified areas of rust and chipping paint.

"Ritch brings to the university not only strong experience in branding, communications and public affairs, but also an important strategic mindset," said President Luther Luedtke. "We are looking forward to Ritch playing a major role in

institutional planning and the creation of a strong, clear 'brand' for CLU."

Eich began his job at CLU by changing the name of the Public Information department to Media Relations, better reflecting the purpose of the department. Eich wants to enhance the media attention CLU gets and increase its visibility among other schools, as well.

"This school is a pretty incredible place, and I don't think it has received the attention it deserves. I am eager to change that," Eich said.

A recurring concern on campus has been CLU's lack of a solid mascot or identifying character; CLU currently has two mascots. Eich is looking into creating a new, unifying character, so the school will be more widely recognized.

"I look forward to seeing a thoughtful examination of the mascot issue, but it definitely has to be a student initiative for any action to take place," Eich said in a presentation to faculty and administrators last week.

Eich has served as chief of communications and public affairs at Stanford University Medical Center. During the 2002-2003 year, the public affairs department at Stanford won more than 10 awards for excellence in media relations, bioterrorism preparedness, writing, publications and vi-



Photograph by Sarah Garcia

*New vice president for Marketing and Communications Ritch Eich settles in to his new office and prepares to make CLU more widely recognized.*

sual design. Those awards were presented by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Eich also helped to build Stanford's medical science journalism fellowship program for newspaper, radio and television reporters and editors. The program has attracted interest from such news organizations as the Los Angeles Times, the Wall Street Journal, NBC Nightly News, the San Francisco Chronicle and CNN.

Eich has also served as head of public relations for Blue Shield of California,

held executive positions at Indiana University Medical Center and the University of Michigan and served as admissions dean at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.

Eich holds a doctorate in organizational behavior and communications from the University of Michigan and he serves on the board of directors of the University of California, Merced, and on the editorial board of the publication "Strategic Healthcare Marketing." He is a public affairs captain in the Naval Reserve and has been an active member in Rotary, Ronald McDonald House and chambers of commerce.

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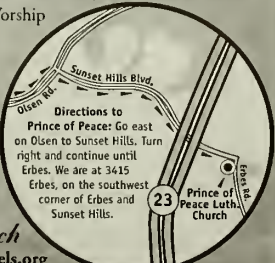
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Bible Class is followed by traditional Worship at 9:30AM. Join with the Church this Advent season in preparing for Christ's coming!

For more information on the WELS Campus Ministry, to join our e-mail list, or for a free devotional booklet, e-mail [clu@princeofpeace-wels.org](mailto:clu@princeofpeace-wels.org).



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## Campus Quotes

## What are you doing for Thanksgiving break?



Jared Clark, communication, 2007

"I'm going to kick it with my buddies and have an amazing dinner with my family at my grandma's house and think about poor Adam Jussel because he gave up meat."



Mark Nielsen, business, 2005

"[I'm going ] to eat a lot of turkey and watch my sister play soccer."



Alex Mallen, marketing/communication, 2006

"I am going home and going to see the family and relax."



Josie Franciose, communication, 2007

"I'm going to Salt Lake City to see my family and go snowboarding."



Michael George, history, 2007

"I'm going home and I'm going to have lots of pumpkin pie and I'm going to see my friends."



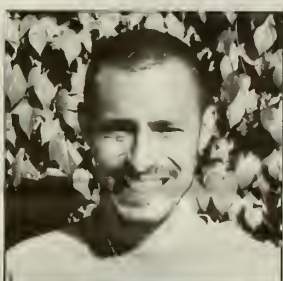
Kristine Ritterbush, drama/sociology, 2004

"I have about seven papers to make up and I'm going back to eating poultry and hanging out with my family, but mostly I'm doing homework."



Kim Eynon, biology, 2004

"I plan on spending it with my family that I miss."



Colin Cassuto, liberal studies, 2004

"I'm going to go home and spend Thanksgiving with my family and catch up on homework."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Marybel Lopez. Photography by Danny Ermolovich.

## Ten tips for men and women on healthy skin

By Farima Nojumi  
STAFF WRITER

Winter often means spending time in centrally heated homes with low humidity. Knowing how skin functions and changing a few habits can be the difference between having a dull winter complexion and having a healthy glow. The following are tips for both men and women to safeguard your skin from the elements:

## 1. DRINK WATER

Keep bottles of spring water at home, work and in your car as a reminder to drink enough water throughout the day. Headache, fatigue, memory loss, dry skin and digestive problems can be caused by insufficient water intake.

## 2. EXERCISE DAILY

Even if you can only squeeze in a 15-minute brisk walk during class breaks, do it! Your muscles will pump oxygenated blood into your tissues and organs helping to remove toxins from your body, burn calories, and energize your system.

## 3. REDUCE STRESS

Signs of stress can appear on your

face. Do something you enjoy every day, as your face reflects what is going on inside your mind.

## 4. EAT HEALTHFULLY

Eat raw foods as often as you can and cut back on caffeine, alcohol, sugar and carbohydrates. You are what you eat.

## 5. USE MOISTURIZER

Choose a moisturizer with zinc oxide and SPF 30.

## 6. CLEAN PROPERLY

Never go to bed with cosmetics on. Washing works to, first, remove dirt and cosmetics, and second, to wash your skin.

## 7. EXFOLIATE WEEKLY

Try a scrub using a tablespoon of sugar or oatmeal to remove dead skin cells.

## 8. DO NOT SMOKE

## 9. SLEEP

Average adults need 7-8 hours of sleep each night to maintain their immunity. So get your beauty sleep!

## 10. AVOID EXCESS SUN

Protect your face and eyes every day by wearing SPF 30 sunblock and sunglasses to protect from UVA/UVB rays.

## New yoga instructor relaxes students and staff

By Kelly Jones  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University has hired Adam Danikiewicz as its new yoga instructor. Those in the yoga community call Danikiewicz "Vishnuprem," meaning "cosmic love." The name was given to Danikiewicz by Swami Vishnu-devananda, a disciple of a yoga master and modern day saint Swami Sivananda. He was given this name while studying at the International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers (ISYVC), the largest yoga school in the world with 10,000 students.

Danikiewicz was born in Poland but has lived in the Western Hemisphere for the past 30 years. He currently lives in Ventura, Calif. He began studying yoga in the early 1980s by working as a volunteer staff member at ISYVC. He ran the San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago centers of ISYVC. He left the organization in 1996 and now makes his living teaching yoga around the Ventura area.

"Yoga is a complete science of life which covers all aspects all of life's aspects including the body. It is not just fitness, it is integrating the body and the mind," Danikiewicz said.

In class, he focuses on the marriage of mind and body. He places a big emphasis on meditation.

"Meditation is the essential practice of the true path of yoga which leads to knowledge of who you truly are," Danikiewicz said.

Yoga has gained widespread popularity as a way to become more flexible and relax.

"I go to yoga to relax. More students should come," said junior Lucas Lembrick.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. in Nygreen 1. Participants should bring a yoga mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothing. Denim or jeans are not advised. The classes are sponsored by Student Life and Educational Programs. Please call or email Sally with any questions at sisagen@clunet.edu or ext. 3320.



# Jazz and wind ensembles improvise to impress audience

By Kristina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

"Hidden Gems" was the theme of the University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Ensemble performance held in the Samuelson Chapel on Nov. 21. California Lutheran University music instructor Daniel Geeting was the conductor and director.

The University Wind Ensemble is a group of approximately 40 members playing 16 different wind instruments. They started off the night with "Overture for Band," then broke in to "Four Maryland Songs," with the vocals sung by senior Kimberly Rupp. Afterward, they played "On a Hymn song of Philip Bliss" and "Fantasies on a Theme by Haydn."

Some students attended the Wind Ensemble performance as part of a requirement for their music appreciation class.

"I really enjoyed the first song because of the melody, and I thought [Rupp] had a beautiful voice," freshman

Holly Anfinson said.

Other attendees were the music band from Almondale Middle School, in Littlerock, Calif. Eighth-grader Trista Geary, who performs in her school band, came to see her music director who is a part of the University Wind Ensemble.

"I liked all of it because I'm in band and my band director is in there, and she does a really great job," Geary said.

After the intermission, the CLU Jazz Improvisation Ensemble took the stage and played five different songs, "Tenor Madness/The Roving Third," the theme from "New York, New York," "Misty," "Impressions" and "Cantaloupe Island." The key element that made the performance unique is that the group plays the songs to a certain point, and the rest is improvised. In "Misty," Junior John Oakman, who plays the tenor saxophone, impressed the audience by doing an improvised solo piece during the song.

"It's amazing how [Oakman] can do that, and it really shows how talented he is," junior Sarah Bot said.



Photograph by Dan Norton

Musical instructor, conductor and director Daniel Geeting leads the University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Ensemble during the "Hidden Gems" performance.

## 'Less than Jake' concert left fans wanting more

By Michael Cabral  
STAFF WRITER

Less Than Jake, a well-known ska-punk band, performed at the House of Blues in Hollywood on Nov. 17. Despite a few setbacks, such as the trumpet player suffering a wrist injury and the most well-known opening act, Rufio, canceling five shows because of a death in the family, Less Than Jake delivered an intense set.

For most people, ska has died out in recent years, and most bands that had horns, such as No Doubt and Hoobastank, got rid of them. However, Less Than Jake survived throughout the '90s amid grunge, pop punk and rap rock, and has released several albums. Anyone who has gone to Warped Tour knows that Less Than Jake puts on a great show and is performing right along other big names such as Rancid, Pennywise and The Ataris.

Less Than Jake, from Gainesville, Fla., is made up of Vincent (drummer), Chris (guitar and vocals), Roger (bass), Buddy (trumpet) and JR (alto sax).

The concert opened up with the band "ch ch ch ha ha a" which takes its name after the sound from the "Friday the 13th" movies. Its 10-minute set was mediocre at best. Then pop punk/emo band Fallout Boy took the stage. This band probably had the best fan support of the three opening acts, but it sounded far too much of a mix between Simple Plan and Dashboard Confessional. The band in place for Rufio was '80s metal rock band Bang Tango.

Finally, Less Than Jake took the stage. Since it recently released its new album, "Anthem," which has two songs playing on MTV, "She's Gonna Brake Soon," and "The Science of Selling Yourself Short," it would seem they would promote this CD on their tour. However, being crowd-pleasers, Less Than Jake played only two songs off "Anthem." Instead, the band played songs off of its other six big albums, including its first release in the early '90s, "Pezeore." Dedicated fans were screaming the lyrics at The House Of Blues. At the end of the night, everyone called for an encore.

Don't let a good concert like this pass you by. Places like Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles have clubs that feature bands you may love to see. Check the websites for The Roxy, The Whiskey and The Key Club.

## Brown Bag: Relationship between church and state

By Kaytie St. Pierre  
STAFF WRITER

The controversial subject of the relationship between church and state was the theme for the Brown Bag discussion on Nov. 18. Dr. Charles Hall, chair of the sociology department at CLU, led the discussion on the controversy.

"The real question is how much should the government regulate the overstepping of religion, and how much should religion regulate the overstepping of the government," Hall said. "When these roles are intertwined too much, there is bloodshed and oppression."

The line of separation is all in how one interprets the First Amendment is establishment and free exercise clause.

This clause is interpreted differently by many people. Chief Justice Rehnquist argues that there should be no establishment of a single national church or preference of one religion over another. Most of the current members of the Supreme Court believe that the clause prohibits the government from promoting religion in general as well as a preference.

"Society is moving religion to the mar-

gins, taking it out of the public as much as possible," said Dr. Kateri Alexander, director of the Women's Resource Center. "We are creating hostility toward religion. I feel like our children are confused because the values taught at home are not being represented in public places."

Hall said the controversy was not re-

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Charles Hall  
Chair, sociology department

ally pertinent until about 50 years ago. Before 1947, very few cases concerning the establishment and free exercise clause went to the Supreme Court. This was because the amendments only applied to the federal courts. The states could make whatever laws they wanted until the 14th Amendment was put into effect during the Civil War.

At this time, many immigrants came to the United States, bringing many different religions to the predominantly Protestant-occupied country.

"It seems that we are promoting atheism by taking God out of society," said freshman Michelle Ericson. "Now schools are teaching evolution, but even that is enforcing certain views."

The main part of the discussion was about the controversy of the Pledge of Allegiance.

"It wasn't until 1954 that 'Under God' was inserted to the pledge. At this time, it was not controversial because our country was very conservative," Hall said.

"Children should still learn to speak kindly and look out for the world, instead of taking the values from the TV," said Alexander. "I think it is scary."

The next Brown Bag will be held on Dec. 2 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center. The topic, "Ordinary Paper: Craft a 'Madonna and Child' Using Paper and Folding Techniques," will be led by Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty. All Brown Bags are open to both campus and community men and women. For more information, call ext. 3345.

## Blink 182's CD mixes instruments with mature lyrics

By Lindsay Elliott  
STAFF WRITER

Mentioning Blink 182 and The Cure in the same sentence is like mixing oil and water: it just doesn't happen. Until now. It has been over 10 years since Blink 182 began making its sophomoric, fun-loving melodies. Their newest, self-titled release (Geffen Records) is a bit different than what most people, especially the 13-year-olds who spend \$45 for a ticket to their concert, would expect.

The members of Blink 182 are enormous fans of the well-respected band The Cure, which has influenced them greatly on this album. It seems that they are finally showing signs of growing up. In their song "All of This," Robert Smith, vocalist for The Cure, brings his distinctive voice to the track and makes it truly a piece to be proud of for the band. Additional piano and mixing make numerous songs, including "All of This," very refreshing to listen to, as they stray away from the

themes of parental oppression/teen angst that has driven their songs from the birth of their band, and rightly so, as they are all in their late 20s and early 30s.

The lyrics have matured but remain simple and honest, with universal themes that most listeners will be able to relate to. "Stockholm Syndrome" is a song about paranoia and being afraid of the world outside a person's comfort zone, convinced that people can hear your thoughts: "Afraid of the dark (Do you hear my whisper?)/An empty heart (Replaces with paranoia)/Where do we go (Life's temporary)/After we're gone (Like New Year's Resolutions)."

It was a pleasant surprise to hear "The Fallen Interlude," as it resembled newer AFI songs and other bands that have tried different angles for their musical endeavors. This song and many others on Blink 182's album includes additional instrumentation, such as keyboards and violins, two uncommon instruments in this genre.

For the fans that remain impartial to Blink 182's previous musical and lyrical style, a handful of tracks will suffice. Its current single, "Feeling This," for example, dips into an edgier style than what we're used to hearing from the band, but it remains sweet and light enough, especially in its run-of-the-mill chorus.

For fans who are ready for a change, however, this album is what they may have been waiting for. The guitars are heavier, the drums are more aggressive, thanks to drummer Travis Barker, and vocalists Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge who collaborate much better on this album. They have learned that switching off lead vocals every line only goes so far.

Making a great effort to create something completely different, but remaining recognizable as Blink 182, the band has truly made an album that is an eclectic group of songs that should make them very proud of their surprisingly high-quality product.



# The F.B.I. should not chill speech



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."*

-Benjamin Franklin

Attorney General John Ashcroft sought help from the ghost of J. Edgar Hoover for his latest attack on the civil liberties of Americans. Hoover, who was a long-time civil liberties abuser, routinely spied on his enemies, their political movements and

their respective leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ashcroft proved that he learned well from Hoover's example when he authorized the FBI to investigate and monitor antiwar demonstrations, peace organizations and religious groups without evidence of criminal activity in the wake of Sept. 11. More recently, the FBI released a memorandum to local law enforcement agencies across the country in an effort to make them aware of the methods used by antiwar demonstrators. The memo refers to pre-demonstration rehearsals as "training camps" in what can be seen as little less than a full-scale antiwar smear campaign by the FBI. It is ridiculous to call a nonviolent demonstration rehearsal a "training camp." In the parlance of our times, "training camp" has become strongly associated with facilities designed to train bloodthirsty, bottom-feeding terrorists.

Worse still is that being watched by the FBI will have a chilling effect on the free speech of antiwar demonstrators. Poten-

tially thousands of patriotic Americans opposed to the war in Iraq will be dissuaded from peaceful protest because of the FBI's ever-watchful eye. Fear of repercussions at work or elsewhere will keep these people from exercising their constitutionally granted right to free speech. This may not seem like a big deal to those citizens who don't use their civil liberties. But for many of us, Ben Franklin included, it seems pointless to fight abroad for the freedoms our government is taking away at home.

Although the memo acknowledges that most antiwar demonstrations are peaceful, it encourages local law enforcement to investigate them anyway. This seems contrary to the fundamental belief that American citizens are innocent until proven guilty. More to the point, I find it hard to believe that monitoring antiwar groups will make this country safer. I believe in a nation that allows the FBI director to dress as he or she pleases and allows citizens to speak and protest peacefully without fear of unwarranted suspicion by the FBI.

## Hollywood vs. the U.S. government

By Brian Roberts  
COLUMNIST

During current times of war in this country, one thing is almost guaranteed: Hollywood will spout off its opinion on what is right and wrong with the current administration. With the war in Iraq coming full circle, celebrities came out in full force to push their agenda on various news and award shows.

As shocking as it may sound, this never happened when Clinton bombed Iraq in 1996, or when he attacked the Bosnian Serbs in 1995 and 1999, bombed Serbia to get Slobodan Milosevic out of Kosovo. Not a single peace rally was held when our Rangers were ambushed in Somalia and 18 young American lives were lost. Not a peep was heard from Hollywood. It wasn't until a God-fearing Republican took office that they came out in droves.

Many, including myself, wonder where celebrities get their political information and how they seem to know so much more than our elected officials. They are not briefed every day by the CIA, the FBI, Interpol, NATO, the United Nations, our own military, or allies around the world.

When celebrities began bashing the war, I didn't sit around wondering why they felt that way. I pondered their educational background. What experience do they have in state affairs or national security?

For example, singer Barbra Streisand, who promised to leave the country if Bush was elected (and yet is still living here), only had a high-school education. Actor Alec Baldwin, who is known for speaking

at Democratic rallies defaming Republicans, dropped out of George Washington University after a scandal. Martin Sheen, who plays the president on TV, flunked the entrance exam to the University of Dayton.

Now, although a college diploma does not mean a person is a genius, most of us here at CLU hope that a BA will get us a better job. Cher dropped out of school in 9th grade and Sean Penn, who became an unofficial diplomat weeks before the war in Iraq, only completed high school. All of them challenged our president (who received a BA from Yale University and an MBA from Harvard Business School), Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (who attended Princeton University on a scholarship in 1954), and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. Rice earned her bachelor's degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver in 1974 by the age of 19. She obtained her master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1975, and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981.

So who are these celebrities to tell our national officials how to run a country? Perhaps no star matches the hallmark hypocrisy of the liberal college student's dream and idol, documentary director Michael Moore. I have a hard time watching a documentary or reading a book titled "Stupid White Men" by a person who dropped out of his first year of college at the University of Michigan. Maybe Moore's book title was referring to himself. I don't know. But it is Moore's alter ego that should be closely examined, instead of his films.

"I'm not rich," Moore said. "I mean, on the rungs of the ladder in Hollywood — you know me, I'm making documentary films — I'm on the lowest rung."

Why did Moore make this comment, considering that he later revealed this following fact at Humboldt State University in 2002: "I'm a millionaire. I'm a multimillionaire. I'm filthy rich. You know why I'm a multimillionaire? 'Cause multimillions like what I do. That's pretty good, isn't it? There's millions that believe in what I do." That doesn't make much sense, does it? It only gets worse.

Moore, who despises guns, is an avid advocate of gun control. "Handguns have to go," Moore said. "Easy access to guns by a species that often responds irrationally and with intense emotions is a lethal combination."

However, as reported in the Detroit Free Press, Moore admitted to being raised in rural Lapeer, Mich., and is a card-carrying member of the National Rifle Association.

Furthermore, Moore flaunts himself as being the common man who runs his fingers through his hair to comb it. Why, then, does Moore joke about the wealthy and then fly first class at his publisher's expense to his posh home in New York City's Central Park West, where he sends his teenage daughter to an elite private school?

Before you start following a celebrity's political views, or anyone, for that matter, get informed. Don't automatically follow them because they parade information you've never heard before. Otherwise, you might find yourself in Moore's next installment of "Stupid White Men."

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# Jackson faces new allegations

By Brandee Tecson  
OPINION EDITOR

Singer Michael Jackson was released on \$3 million bail after he surrendered to authorities on Friday, Nov. 21. Jackson was arrested on multiple charges of "lewd or lascivious conduct with a child under 14," with each charge carrying a sentence of three to eight years in prison.

According to reports, the young accuser said Jackson gave him wine and sleeping pills before molesting him at Neverland Ranch. Just days earlier, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and district attorney spent more than 12 hours searching the ranch for evidence.

This is the second time in 10 years that the singer has faced such allegations. In August 1993, police launched a criminal investigation after a 13-year-old boy told his therapist that Jackson had sexually molested him for four months.

Early in 1994, Jackson ended the civil case through a multimillion-dollar out-of-court settlement. This time, however, the accuser's family is adamant about taking Jackson to court.

Although he publicly proclaimed his innocence, Jackson's image has never fully recovered. Over the years, there have been a string of incidents that have made the public question Jackson's eccentric and often-freakish behavior.

In 2002, he grabbed headline news around the world after dangling his baby son over the balcony of a Berlin hotel. He said it was a mistake. Well, there's an understatement.

Earlier this year, he told BBC interviewers he shared his bed with many children, though nothing sexual occurred. Scarily, Jackson said he saw nothing wrong with showing affection toward youngsters that way.

ABC's "Good Morning America" broadcast exclusive footage last Friday from inside Jackson's Neverland Ranch, including his private quarters. The shocking video, reportedly shot in 1994, shows a secret room behind a trapdoor at Jackson's mansion where he apparently entertained kids who slept over. The chamber is concealed so well that it may have been missed by police.

The tape revealed a hidden door at the back of a walk-in closet in Jackson's bedroom suite. The door opens to a narrow carpeted stairwell lined with rag dolls that descends into a small chamber that looks like a twisted version of a child's bedroom.

A bed is adorned with pillow cases imprinted with Peter Pan's face and the word "Neverland." Sitting on the bed is a red-headed, bug-eyed stuffed doll, and on a nightstand next to the bed is a Mickey Mouse telephone. On the walls are framed pictures of smiling youngsters, which the TV show said were not Jackson's children.

Although the legal system will ultimately be the judge of Jackson's guilt or innocence on these criminal charges, one cannot help but wonder one thing in this case: where were the parents?

What kind of parents would allow their children to visit Jackson at his Neverland Ranch? Even without criminal charges, why didn't the parents pay attention to the earlier accusations?

Why didn't they listen to Jackson's comments, watch his odd behavior and conclude it was best to steer their children far, far away from him?

What parents would approve of their child going to a sleeper at Neverland? The only sane answer is none.

No parents in their right mind would allow their child to stay overnight at an adult male's home unsupervised, especially one who has publicly admitted to sleeping in the same bed with underage children.

"I have slept in bed with many children," Jackson told filmmaker Martin Bashir in his documentary titled "Living with Michael Jackson." "It's very right. It's what the world needs — more love, more heart."

"The most loving thing you can do is to share your bed with someone," Jackson said. Call me crazy, but under no circumstance is it all right for a 45-year-old man to share a bed with a 12-year-old boy, unsupervised. Not even if he's Michael Jackson.

If Jackson is, indeed, guilty of these allegations, then shame to the parents for allowing their children to be out in this situation. Shouldn't this be seen as a form of negligence? Their first concern should have been the well-being of their children, even if it meant Jackson never got closer to them than a TV screen.

Another question that arises is whether Jackson is a fit parent to his three children Prince Michael I, Paris and Prince Michael II (also called "Blanket").

Los Angeles attorney Gloria Allred is calling on the Santa Barbara Department of Social Services to take away Jackson's children, at least temporarily, in light of the allegations. However, authorities have said that child molestation charges would not automatically prompt child welfare authorities to take action.

After seeing the now-infamous interview with Bashir, I am certain that some sort of interference needs to take place. I was alarmed to see Jackson parading his children around with veils and masks over their faces. Surely that isn't normal behavior. I'm sure these children already assume they are the center of the free world, but to make them walk around in a Spiderman mask cannot be healthy. Not even First Lady Jackie Kennedy made little John-John walk around with a paper bag over his head.

It appears to be yet another ploy from Jackson to get attention from the public, ex-

cept this time it is at his children's expense.

Even in such trying times, Jackson is still relishing in the limelight. He stopped his convoy in the streets of Las Vegas to get support and attention from radical fans that swarmed his car. Candlelight vigils have

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Michael Jackson  
Entertainer

been held across the world in support of Jackson.

However, the silence in Hollywood is deafening. Many celebrities and close friends of Jackson, like singer Liza Minnelli and actor Macaulay Culkin, who adamantly supported the singer back in 1993, have remained mum on the situation.

Only actress Elizabeth Taylor, who first declined to comment, issued a statement on Sunday saying her friend was "absolutely innocent" of child molestation charges and will be "vindicated."

Vindicated or not, Jackson's image is severely damaged and at this point, likely beyond repair.

With all of his odd behavior taking precedence over his music, the King of Pop's fan base has substantially dwindled over the years. His last record "Invincible" sold a mere 2 million. Definitely not up to "Thriller" standards.

After several bizarre incidents and repeated allegations, one has to wonder where the public should draw the line.

Sooner or later, Michael, there are no more second chances.

# Hilton cries over sex tape scandal

By Devon Bostock  
COLUMNIST

I spent a few nights last week locked in the clutches of insomnia. My natural reaction when faced by this dilemma is to turn on the TV. Fortunately, being in a semi-conscious state meant I couldn't comprehend half of the horrible programming that is on after midnight.

One show that caught my eye was "Celebrity Justice." "Celebrity Justice" is a program that devotes an entire half-hour to digging into the details of the latest legal battles facing our favorite celebrities. Not having seen the show before, it sounded somewhat interesting in my delirium — so I watched it.

It turns out that not only does this show

go over what is happening in the legal world as it relates to the stars, but the stars in question are given interview time. The result is a noise that can only be likened to a group of howling coyotes. If you've never heard coyotes howl, it sounds like a group of very loud babies crying.

The interviewer sits with a star and speaks to him or her in a consoling manner, while the star is given the chance to cry about his or her problems. The episode I watched covered the latest scandal regarding Paris Hilton and her infamous "videotape." If you haven't heard about Ms. Hilton and her latest bedroom debacles, just look her up on the Internet. It will take no more than five seconds (depending on your connection speed) to find out. In any case, the coverage included an interview with the editor-in-

chief of Us Magazine, who was "fortunate" enough to interview Hilton on a recent flight. She talked about how Hilton spent a majority of the long plane trip to Los Angeles crying about having to exit the plane and deal with reporters. She also insisted that her professional life was in ruins and her personal life was miserable, as well.

This was all too much for me. Hilton's crying epitomized the ability of most celebrities to make their problems the center of the world. Sure, they are in the spotlight. But that is why they make the money they do. It is a trade-off that each one has to be willing to make. Yet, when it comes time to admit to making a stupid mistake, very few of them are able to laugh it off and move on with life. Such is the case with Paris Hilton. It is hard for me to understand how an "heiress" to a

multibillion-dollar hotel franchise can get so caught up in herself, though somehow she manages to and cries to us about it.

My advice to Paris and any other stars who overinflate their problems is to look at the situation reasonably. Conjure up whatever dramatic ability you have and at least act as if you've let it go. Once you do this, the media will leave you alone. After all, who is more interesting: a very low-key celebrity, or Paris Hilton crying in the LAX terminal?

No matter how bad it seems for Hilton, her problems will only be important to the tabloids for another week or so. Then, always, some other hapless celebrity will steal the limelight.

As for any other stars who happen to read this, please don't go on "Celebrity Justice" — your howling is keeping me awake.

# Closed-minded in an open world

By Jon Acquisti  
COLUMNIST

It seems that here at California Lutheran University, the students are closed minded when it comes to appreciating other forms of religion. I believe it is possible for a student to be very spiritual, but not religious. This was the topic of conversation at the Founder's Day Convocation presented earlier this month.

Not every student chooses to attend CLU for religious reasons. Actually, looking around, sometimes it is hard to tell that this is a religious school. Students may consider

themselves religious and spiritual; just religious; just spiritual; or neither. And that really should not matter to anyone but that student. I consider myself to be barely religious, but extremely spiritual. Saying that, I am aware of the backlash that may come as a result — but I don't really care, because this is my life.

That is the beauty of this world. We are given the freedom to practice what we desire. Personally, I find that meditation in nature is what reaps the greatest personal rewards. Naturalists are able to become one with nature and receive the Earth's energy and love.

Religion, especially Christianity, does not seem to leave anything open for interpretation. Having been raised Lutheran and having attended Sunday school from a young child to my Confirmation, I do have a strong sense of relationship with the presence of God. It is through this knowledge that I am able to compare many different religions against Christianity.

It seems that people who are highly religious are not very tolerant of people who practice other's faiths. However, it is just the opposite with those who follow spiritual practices. They tend to be more accepting of other's faith.

Everyone is searching for something greater. It does not matter what faith you are or what you believe. We are all going to believe in different things. It is how you treat people with different beliefs that defines who you are as a person. To be able to accept different traditions, religions, or practices will guide you through life happier and with a better sense of human compassion.

Life is not about judging others. It is not even about judging yourself. It is about living in the present and making choices that you feel are right.

With an open mind and acceptance for all, life can never be truly bad.



## SPORTS

## Fox has record-breaking career

By Etienne Emanuel  
STAFF WRITER

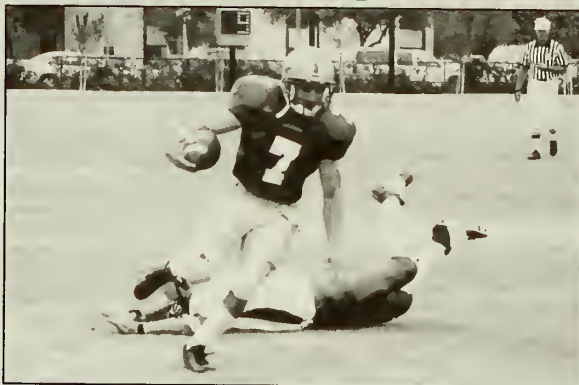
Senior Jimmy Fox capped off an outstanding career at wide receiver last week by breaking Mike Hagen's record for most receptions ever at California Lutheran University.

The record had stood for nearly 30 years. Fox grabbed 176 passes in his four years as a Kingsman.

"I really never imagined that I would hold a record like this here," Fox said. "I was originally looking to go to Arizona State for their well-renowned communication program, but then I decided to come here since I have family in Agoura and I lived there until I was 13. In high school, I played running back, so when I got here and made the move to receiver, it just became a learning process. Your freshmen year, you just have to be patient because there is so much coming at you."

Fox is no stranger to breaking records; he holds the record at Monte Vista High School for most yards rushing in a season, with 1,505.

"I really just tried to get better every day. I started to see some action in the games, and realized that I had a lot of little things to work on. So I tried to practice them to get better, through catching drills, working on running tight routes, blocking, and the biggest thing was picking up yards



Photograph by Dan Norton

*Fox rushes after a reception during his record-breaking performance in the 70-13 Kingsmen victory over Whittier on Nov. 15.*

"after the catch," Fox said.

Fox came into the season needing 57 catches to tie the record.

"I didn't really think about the record until midway through the season, and it started to seem more and more possible. I needed to average seven catches a game, and as it got closer I knew I really had a shot to do it," Fox said. "After my junior year, I only caught 40 balls and I didn't feel I was really the go-to guy. We had some

other good receivers and some talented guys who got injured. I worked hard and was lucky enough to stay healthy and good things just happened."

Fox does not have any plans to continue his playing career.

"Right now I'm just real excited to try and get a sports broadcasting position anywhere I can. I have done some intern work for Fox Sports and hopefully that will help me break onto the scene," Fox said.

## Water polo focuses on the future

By Luke Patten  
STAFF WRITER

Not often is a team satisfied with its season when its only victory was against another school's club team, but this year's water polo team at California Lutheran University is an unusual case.

In its inaugural season this year, the team was hoping to get experience instead of worrying about scores. It finished the season with a record of 0-18.

One of the main concerns for the players at the start of the season was trying to get in shape.

"It's been a big problem," said senior Jamie Aronson. "We only have seven players, so it's tough because we have to play all 28 minutes and I haven't played in five years."

Senior Heath Williams said that getting used to playing at the collegiate level was a major adjustment as well.

"It's different at the college level than in high school because there's more skill involved. In high school you can just swim around a ball and you'll win," Williams said.

Keeping these difficulties in mind, the team used this season to improve.

"We all learned a lot and we improved a lot as a team throughout the year," Williams said. "From our first tournament to our last, people were able to learn their positions."

With Williams being the only member of the team that won't be back next year, the team hopes to continue improving on what it has learned this season.

"This year was tough in practice because, with only seven players, we couldn't really go offense versus defense. We could only work on one at a time. We're hoping to have about 13 people for next year which would give us two full lines," Aronson said.

Next year's team will be a young one. The coaches have been hitting the recruiting trail hard recently and have had about 15 recruits come visit the school. The increase in numbers should also help the team become more focused and disciplined as well.

"This year, our coach couldn't really do much because if someone doesn't show up for practice they're still going to be able to play in the games. Next year, all of us will come in with more experience and all the recruits will be coming straight out of high school and they'll be ready to go," Aronson said.

## CLU's Hirsh has 4th-best fastball

By Lindsey Rarick  
STAFF WRITER

Jason Hirsh, a former California Lutheran University pitcher, was ranked fourth-best for his fastball among 2003 Major League Baseball draft picks, according to Baseball America.

"It's because I throw hard and they are projecting me to be a closer, even though I would like to be a starter," Hirsh said.

Hirsh, a 6-foot-8, 250-pound pitcher, was drafted to the Houston Astros in the second round, 59th pick overall. As Houston's first pick, he was the highest ever to come out of Cal Lutheran. Among Houston's draftees, he was also labeled as "closest to the majors."

"Jason threw harder than anyone on our team last year. I'm glad he chose baseball instead of wrestling," former Cal Lutheran teammate Ed Edsall said.

In 2003, Hirsh finished his CLU career with a 9-1 record and a 3.68 ERA while throwing in the mid-90s consistently. He reached the second-best total in CLU history with 126 strikeouts in 100.1 innings.

"Hirsh was a natural leader and brought inspiration to the field each day. You can learn a lot from watching him,"



**"Last year, things kind of exploded. I had no idea I was going to throw 97 mph. It was ridiculous."**

Photograph by Becca Hunan

Jason Hirsh  
2nd round draft pick  
Houston Astros

former CLU teammate Zach Spencer said.

"Last year, things kind of exploded. I had no idea I was going to throw 97 mph. It was ridiculous," Hirsh said.

After Hirsh was drafted, he played in the New York/Pennsylvania single A League from July 8 to Sept. 3, 2003, with a number of top talents. During his short summer season, Hirsh threw five innings per game, threw for 32 and one-third innings maintaining a 1.95 ERA. He had 33 strikeouts and seven walks. Overall, he finished his New York/Pennsylvania League throwing 21 scoreless innings.

"I started my summer season in the bullpen and worked my way up to starting. My one downfall is my off-speed pitches, like sliders and change-ups. I want to be

able to throw my off-speed for strikes. I will be working on that in the off-season so I can go into spring training looking sharp," Hirsh said.

After earning a signing bonus of \$625,000, Hirsh has purchased a new truck and a condo in Las Vegas. Despite his large signing bonus and his baseball career ahead of him, Hirsh wanted to finish his degree in multimedia at CLU. When he returned to CLU this fall, he did not want a lot of hype around his getting drafted; however, he was asked frequently why he decided to come back to CLU.

"I would rather go to school and hang out with my friends than go find a job somewhere. In a year or two, things will probably change a lot more," Hirsh said.

## Regals basketball receives beating in season-opener

By Justin Shore  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team suffered a 111-49 defeat in their opening game to Master's College on Nov. 22.

The Regals knew that they would have good competition in their first game. The Master's College ranked 5th nationally in preseason polls for NAIA Women's Basketball.

"We went into the game knowing that it was going to be a tough battle. We have a challenging preseason schedule and these

results are no indication of what we will do in SCIAAC," sophomore Alex Mallen said.

Julie Cichon scored a team-high 12 points in the contest.

"This game was a good learning experience for us to play against a team of that magnitude. We can only get stronger and build from our first loss," Cichon said.

Despite the loss, Head Coach Kristy Hopkins remains optimistic and has high expectations for her team in the 2003-2004 season.

"We know that we have an extremely difficult preseason schedule, playing NAIA schools that give scholarships. Our objective is to win SCIAAC," Hopkins said.

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## Christmas comes early



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

*President Luther Luedtke in his cap and his wife Carol Luedtke in her kerchief wish everyone happy holidays.*

By Heather Peterson  
STAFF WRITER

The annual Christmas Camaraderie took place at President Luther Luedtke's house on Wednesday, Dec. 3. This event is held for all California Lutheran University employees and symbolizes the start of the holiday season.

"It's kind of a kick-off to the holiday season," said Angela Naginey, director of Residence Life.

For the past three years, Luedtke and his wife Carol have hosted this event in their home. Previously, it was held in Overton Hall and the Nelson room.

"It's neat for them to open their home to us this way," Naginey said.

Carol Luedtke looks forward to hosting this event every year.

"The Christmas Camaraderie, the Freshman Parent welcome, and the Senior Send-off are my three favorite events that we host here," Carol Luedtke said. "Even if I've had a long day, as soon as the first person comes to the door, I get excited ... We always have the house full of the

**"It's (Christmas Camaraderie) kind of a kick-off to the holiday season."**

Angela Naginey  
Director of Residence Life

most interesting people and invigorating conversations."

Carol Luedtke was especially excited about surprising the guests this year with a special performance of the Christmas story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Religion professor Joseph Everson read the story as members of the CLU staff acted it out. President and Mrs. Luedtke played Poppa and Momma, and Lawrence Rodriguez, assistant director of admissions, played St. Nicholas.

At the end of the performance, President Luedtke wished everyone "a jolly and merry and blessed time to all of us."

## CLU diversity lauded

By Erick Elhard  
STAFF WRITER

For nearly a decade, California Lutheran University has been receiving distinction for being one of the top schools in America for Hispanics. This year is no exception. For the eighth consecutive academic year, the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education has identified CLU as a great learning and cultural environment for Hispanic collegians. Over 2,500 schools are in the running each year to receive this tribute for offering "solid opportunities for Hispanic students," according to CLU's website.

Before awarding this honor, members of the H.O.H.E. visit each candidate university to evaluate its performance on a number of criteria, including numbers of minorities, cultural programs and support for students. When they visited CLU several years ago, the Office of Multicultural and International Programs was interviewed extensively. Juanita Pryor Hall, director of the office, is confident that CLU deserves this prestige.

"We do go out of our way to help students. We have a very active faculty to help our Latino community," Pryor Hall said.

One of the on-campus programs that has helped increase intercultural experience, knowledge and acceptance is the Latin American Student Organization. Its mission is to promote unity and support for Latino students at CLU and to share the Latin culture with the entire student body.

LASO helps plan and facilitate events like the observation of the traditional Latino holiday, Dia de los Muertos. It also offers recreational opportunities like free salsa dancing lessons. Maria Meza, senior and LASO club president, and Venus Tamayo, sophomore and LASO vice president, offered some insight into why CLU is attractive for Hispanic students.

"It's appealing because everyone is very nice to minorities and we're not perceived as different, even though we're in the minority," Meza said.

"I really like the small school and small campus," Tamayo said. "It was a culture shock at first, coming from Oxnard, which is more culturally diverse. It was hard, but everyone has been very welcoming."

Lupita Montejano and Felicia Martin, assistant directors of admission and coordinators of multicultural admission, see H.O.H.E.'s recognition as another block in the foundation of multiculturalism at CLU. That CLU's student body is currently 15 percent Hispanic and that CLU is the only private university in Ventura County are important attractors for prospective Latino students.

"Hispanic students thrive in small environments, especially for first-generation students, where the college experience is new for them and their families," Montejano said.

Martin and Montejano cite the one-on-one attention from professors, the various outlets to receive extra help on written assignments and the growing number of Latino professors at CLU as comforting

factors for a Hispanic student who might be worried about performing at the college level.

"The students that graduate from here then go back to their communities as role models, raising interest in CLU," Montejano said.

One current student has already been singled out as a role model. People magazine, in its April 21, 2003, issue, profiled Angela Garcia, a CLU freshman with both African-American and Hispanic heritage who overcame family and personal strife on her road to college. Garcia is confident that CLU was the correct choice for her future.

"I am very pleased here and I've never seen a diversity problem," Garcia said. "I notice that we all get along and I've never seen a racial incident."

Pryor Hall sees the recognition from H.O.H.E. as advantageous not only for the present and future Hispanic students, but also for all of CLU.

"It continues to promote diversity, which has been shown to help with academic challenges and scholarship," she said. However, she does see some areas where uniformity at CLU is a problem.

"We need more diversity within the faculty, administration staff, and students and diverse cross-cultural interaction in a meaningful way," Pryor Hall said.

Meza is optimistic about CLU becoming more of a melting pot in future years.

"We are going to be more diverse someday soon. We can all be open-minded."

## More intruders on CLU campus

By Karen Peterson  
NEWS EDITOR

On Sunday, Dec. 7, a white Dodge vehicle with a male occupant described by residents as "creepy" was sitting outside 1222 Luther St., a university-owned house. When one of the residents arrived home the vehicle pulled slowly toward her. Residents wary of several previous incidents with intruders called the police.

The week before on Monday, Dec. 1, a resident of the same house was doing dishes when she noticed a man standing outside her kitchen window in the side yard. She pointed out that this meant the man had to open the gate and go through their backyard to get to the kitchen window. The Thousand Oaks Police Department was called and searched unsuccessfully alongside Campus Security for the man. According to the security alert, he was described as a 5'8", 5'11" white male in his late 30s to early 40s with blond hair, a thin face and no facial hair. Authorities do not believe he is the same man as the September intruder.

It seems a rash of theft has occurred on campus. On Thursday, Dec. 4, according to a security alert, an intruder entered an unlocked room in Thompson Hall and stole a laptop computer and a backpack. The week before on Monday, Nov. 27, Mount Clefand Pederson Hall were broken into sometime in between 9 p.m.-11 p.m. The intruders were let into the buildings by students and went into unlocked rooms and reportedly stole laptop computers, a cell phone, a camcorder and a passport.

For more information contact Kluy Peterson in the Security office at ext. 3960.



## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
december 10

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Communion Ground**  
Chapel  
9:11 p.m.



**thursday**  
december 11

**College Democrats Meeting**  
Nygreen 2  
7 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.



**friday**  
december 12

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Club Lu: Hall Caroling**  
Forum  
9 p.m.



**saturday**  
december 13

**Regals Basketball vs. Concordia Univ**  
Chapel  
12 p.m.

**sunday**  
december 14

**Advent Vespers Worship**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

**monday**  
december 15

**Finals Week**

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.



**ASCLU-G RILA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

**tuesday**  
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# Pulitzer winner visits

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

Former Pulitzer Prize-winning L.A. Times columnist Howard Rosenberg talked about the biases of news caused by media concentration during a Dec. 4 talk on campus.

"The news should be about the pursuit of truth. One must think and analyze what one hears and reads on the news," Rosenberg said. However, trends in the industry mean that the news is no longer so objective, he said.

According to Rosenberg, media concentration occurs when large media companies buy smaller media companies, resulting in fewer independent operators. The two dangers of media concentration are less diversity of opinion and conflict of interest. Conflict of interest may occur when reporters unknowingly or knowingly write about entities owned by their news medium's parent company. The parent companies may also impose their views and biases on the smaller news entities they own.

Rosenberg said that another example of media bias occurs as cross-promotion, which is when media manufacture news for self-serving reasons. For example, cross-promotion occurs when a network promotes a TV show owned by the same company or when Los Angeles Times stories are mentioned on KTLA, Channel 5 news.

Live news has its own dangers. News, according to Rosenberg, is anything that is fresh and needs to be verified. However, one never knows what will happen on live television and cannot retract what should not have been aired.

News casters, according to Rosenberg, often enter the field to become celebrities rather than journalists and are paid to serve as ornaments. The stations want

their audiences to accept the newscasters as an extended family, in which the weather reporter acts like an uncle and the anchor acts like a father.

Rosenberg also said that television news stereotypes people of color by always showing them as the ones being arrested.

"I thought he was a really good speaker," junior Julie Martinez said. "He had a critical view and good insight about the media. When I watch the news, I'm a little bit more critical of it."

"I thought it was really interesting, since he talked about a lot of the things that I never thought about; for example how the media are sexist and biased toward women and minorities," sophomore Valerie Vallejos said.

"I pay more attention to those little details he said and it's interesting to see how it is true," Vallejos said.

Martinez said she had already learned about media concentration and bias in other communication classes and perceives more cross-promotion and stereotypes in the media, after hearing Rosenberg.

Vallejos said that before hearing Rosenberg, she noticed how the media can discriminate against minorities, but not how the media can be sexist. She also said that she noticed a bias in newspapers but not in television.

Rosenberg said that he has always feared media concentration.

"For the last decade, it's a trend that's been increasing and it's just something I've been fearful about," Rosenberg said. "As I've done my job, I've observed this happening and I can just see the dangers. Bigger swallows smaller."

"It's almost like being in the wild; pretty soon all the little guys are gone and you only have big guys. I think it's just a dangerous concept, whether it's media, Wal-Mart or anywhere in this country."

Rosenberg said that it is difficult to

**"Bias is built into all of us, we're the sums of many things: of religion, of parents, of family of friends and peers, of media."**

Howard Rosenberg  
former L.A. Times columnist

distinguish what media stereotypes and biases. One can only train oneself to critically observe and analyze the media and ask why.

"I don't mean be critical of them," Rosenberg said, "but think critically. A lot of it is just logic. When I wrote my column, I wouldn't just say 'yeah,' but 'why,' 'but what does that mean?' or 'why did he say that?' why did they use the word 'terrorist' instead of 'insurgent?'" Words ... have tremendous significance.

"All you can do [to answer the 'why' questions] is just draw your own conclusions and look for patterns," he said. "For example, I've been watching the Fox News Channel enough to know that you get one side of every issue and it's usually the conservative Republican side. Now, I'm a liberal Democrat and perhaps I'm watching that through skewed eyes; maybe I'm so subjective that I'm not seeing it correctly. I don't think it's true, but when I always see one side of an issue presented, it just becomes obvious to me, because I've been watching television and doing this for a very long time and thinking critically. But it's something anybody can do, if you just rein yourself to think critically and think of the media not just as your big cuddle friend, but something that could have a big influence on you, then I think you can do it."

Rosenberg said that most newscasts involve ineptitude.

"Most of it is just ineptitude. First

of all, a network newscast, minus commercials, is 22 minutes. What can you tell people about the world, I don't care how smart you are, in 22 minutes? Not much. What happens is you have news stories [that] run from 30-45 seconds. Ninety seconds is like a documentary.

"What can you say about anything in 30-45 seconds? All you can do is say something that's catchy to me and conveys the wrong impression. That bothers me, at least as much as some kind of bias. Bias is built into all of us; we're the sums of many things: of religion, of parents, of family, of friends and peers, of media. Lots of things influence us, so we're all subjective creatures. I'm pretty bothered by the general ineptitude of reporting."

Rosenberg said that finding better news sources begins with finding a good newspaper.

"I know I'm suspect, because of my background in newspapers," Rosenberg said. "But I think it's important, whether it's the Ventura County Star or The L.A. Times which, believe me, has its flaws but I still think it's a good newspaper. It would be nice if we'd use television, if you use it at all, as a supplement. There's a newscast on Public Television called 'NewsHour with Jim Lehrer,' which is better but it gets a little slow at times. There are some stories you can't get from a newspaper, you can only get from television, I understand that, but reading is very important."

Rosenberg said that media concentration is not limited to the United States and is increasing around the world.

"News Corp is worldwide," Rosenberg said. "These companies, for example, have global exposure. CNN is everywhere; Time magazine, which is owned by Time Warner, which is owned by CNN, is everywhere. HBO, which is owned by the same company, has international exposure and distribution everywhere."

# Students skate around Easy Street

By Cameron Brown  
STAFF WRITER

Easy Street Ice Arena in Simi Valley was host to last Friday's California Lutheran University's Club Lu event, sponsored by ASCLU. Over 120 students filled the arena, which was equipped with two ice skating rinks. Students had the option of either choosing figure or hockey skates, depending on their personal preference.

For some students, ice skating really isn't their most admirable talent.

"My roommate dragged me here tonight because I really haven't ice skated a whole lot," junior and biology major Jamie Meyer said. "I think I have been a total of five times."

Meyer also said that even though she has only been a handful of times, she had only fallen once so far that night. She said falling once was enough and she hoped that it would be the last of the evening.

Lindsey Moore, sophomore and sociology major, said that this Club Lu event is her favorite because it tends to draw a large amount of students.

"A lot of people come to this event," Moore said. "I think that since it's right before finals, students want to come and relax before it comes time to take the big tests," Moore said.

**"Students want to come and relax before it comes time to take the big tests."**

Lindsey Moore  
Sophomore sociology major

Sophomore Mike McCarthy was not at all intimidated by the skates that he had, nor was he shaken by the coldness of the arena as he was "comfortably" dressed in his shorts and T-shirt.

He said that he likes ice skating, but his sole purpose of being there was to appease his girlfriend.

"She pulled me out here tonight so that we could go ice skating with our friends," McCarthy said.

"I really am not that cold out here in the arena," McCarthy said. "My hands are a little cold and my feet hurt because my skates aren't exactly fitted properly. But everything is fine. I am really enjoying myself, aside from the fact that I have only been a few times before tonight's outing."

Next week is Club Lu's last event for the fall semester. The event is hall caroling. Students wanting to participate can meet in the Samuelson Chapel at 9 p.m.



Photographs by Sarah Garcia

Students lace up their skates as they get ready to hit the ice.



Juniors Laura O'Neill and Emily Moore skate around the rink.



Students play around on the ice.



## News

## ASCLU meetings

## Last-minute bills passed

By Heather Hoyt  
STAFF WRITER

Even though the end of the semester is looming near, California Lutheran University's Residence Hall Association is busier than ever. Many bills have been passed in the last two weeks, using up most of the RHA capital expenditures fund.

Before any of the hall improvement bills were passed, the RHA approved a transfer of \$1,500 from the contingency fund to the capital expenditures fund. Pederson passed a bill for a new 55" HDTV widescreen television for its lounge; New West passed a bill for \$570 to spend on improvements such as motivational posters for its study rooms, renovation of its air hockey table and new pool table equipment; and MKH passed a bill for \$150 for a new grill for its buildings.

MKH had another bill it wanted to

pass, but the capital expenditures fund ran out of money again and the bill was tabled to the next meeting, at which another bill was drafted to transfer more money into the fund. That bill was passed and MKH was able to pass its bill for \$1,100 to renovate the patio in Kramer Court as well.

Mark Neilsen, Old West senior Resident Assistant, came to speak about the Spring RA selection process.

"The process will begin next semester and interest sessions begin Feb. 1-4, with applications being due Feb. 12," Neilsen said.

Information cards are at the front desk in the SUB. Questions can be answered by Angela Naginy or by Christine Paul in the Residence Life office.

RHA is gearing up to make this year's Hall Caroling the best ever. This year each hall will incorporate an MTV show, a song, a celebrity, a traditional Christmas carol and a revised Christmas carol.

"These were all picked at Monday's

meeting out of a hat, as was the order in which the halls will go," said Beckie Lewis, RHA programmer. "Each hall is judged on incorporating their items, their creativity, and not using brown bag material."

Each hall must also include at least 15 people, extra points awarded for commuters, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni. The halls also get points based on the amount of money they raise for North Campus, as each hall is contributing to the fundraising effort. The winning hall will get the coveted spirit stick. Judges have not been announced yet, but the emcees for the event will be junior Jared I. Perry and senior Kelly Murkey.

The hall requirements are as follows: Thompson uses Sorority Life, "I Swear," and Arnold Schwarzenegger; New West uses The Real World, "Kissed by a Rose," and Julia Roberts; Pederson uses Say What Karaoke, "Take My Breath Away," and Justin Timberlake; Mogen, Kramer,

Houses use Punk'd, "I Will Survive," and J. Lo; Mount Clef uses Road Rules, "My Heart Will Go On," and Will Ferrell; and Old West will use Newlyweds, "Total Eclipse of the Heart," and Halle Berry.

Rachel Pensack-Rinehart, National Residence Hall honorary chancellor, is in charge of the "Of the Month" program at CLU. Last month's winners were Katy Wilson, a sophomore in Pederson Hall, for resident assistant of the month; Holly Hoppman for student of the month; Suzie Roslund for national communication coordinator of the month; the New West Hall Council, consisting of Jen Ledesma, Meredith Ebert, and Meggie Graves, for spotlight of the month; and Dominic Storelli and the "You a Stud" program for program of the month.

"Students are encouraged to keep submitting OTM forms for next month's winners. The forms can be picked up and returned at the SUB information desk," Pensack-Rinehart said.

## Senate approves safety measures

By Brian Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

For Senate's last two meetings, the senators have been hard at work and play. Senate spent its Monday night before Thanksgiving break at Chuck E. Cheese for their annual get-together off campus.

"Every semester, as a community builder, Senate goes out and involves themselves in a social activity," Senate Director Jason Soyster said. "It was up to the senators and they choose Chuck E. Cheese."

Each senator received pizza, drinks and 20 tokens each during the night. Even though the night was filled with video games and a jungle gym, work was still on the minds of those involved.

"Rob Bolland and I discussed benches at the cross for this next semester," Soyster said. "After approval from the school, they should be up by next year."

The night turned out to be a success, providing a way for the members to relieve some stress from hard work on Senate and

never-ending school work.

"About every semester, some senators object to the idea of community building," Soyster said. "But it's a way for us to give back to them for the hard work they've put in."

But as school began after the holiday break, Senate came back and wasted no time passing two bills. The first legislation covered involved safety and security on the east side of campus (Peterson and Thompson). The resolution asked for much-needed improvements in the lighting located in the parking lot closest to Faculty St. and the resurfacing of floors in the two dorm halls. The measure also called for a rising of the railings in Peterson and Thompson, as they are not up to code with certain standards in place. The measure passed 15-0.

Another bill that was passed involved money for the Writing Center. The legislation calls for \$500 awarded to the center for books, texts and manuals. The measure passed 14-1.

"We've had a great first semester," Soyster said. "But we hope to have an even better second semester."

## Press Release

California Lutheran University Partners  
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Engineering Initiative (LATEI)

ous support from Baxter BioScience.

Tissue engineering is an emerging field that provides a glimpse into the future of medicine – one in which doctors may one day be able to routinely repair or replace failing or aging body parts. In an effort to foster interactions among area researchers dedicated to this pursuit, California Lutheran University is partnering with experts at UCLA, USC and science industry leaders create a new collaborative opportunity named the Los Angeles Tissue Engineering Initiative (LATEI). LATEI is open to all interested individuals, with an emphasis of providing graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in technical discussions with academic and industrial scientists and investigators.

The first meeting of LATEI was held at CLU on Nov. 8. More than 100 people attended the daylong event, with participants from as far away as San Diego. The meeting consisted of three technical sessions: bone and hard tissue engineering; mechanobiology; and skin and soft tissue engineering. In addition, there were informal discussions and interactions. All costs were covered by CLU's recently launched program in bioengineering and by gener-

"The exciting new field is founded on years of research into processes by which cells grow," explained Dr. Mike Shaw, director of CLU's Center for Integrated Science and Bioengineering and one of the founders of LATEI. "Using these technologies, it will one day be possible to regenerate or replace damaged tissues with laboratory-grown parts such as bone, cartilage, blood vessels and skin."

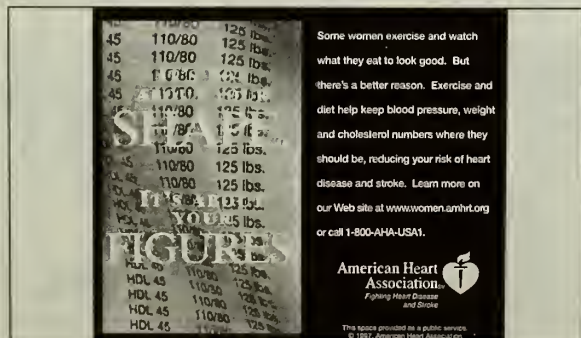
In addition to Shaw, other founders of LATEI include Prof. Warren Garner of University of Southern California (USC), Dr. Bill Tawil of Baxter BioScience, Prof. Tai-Lan Tuan of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and Prof. Ben Wu of University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

"The group formed spontaneously out of a genuine interest for Los Angeles area investigators and students to meet and share knowledge," said Shaw. "It is our hope that by working together we can foster new interactions between investigators from traditionally disparate scientific disciplines."

For more information about participation in LATEI, please contact Shaw at (805) 493-3296 or mshaw@clunet.edu.

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# FEATURES

## Students celebrate holiday season with cultural events

By Michael Cabral  
STAFF WRITER

During the month of December, several holiday events are being held at California Lutheran University. Celebrations of the African holiday, Kwanza; the Mexican holiday, Las Posadas; and the Swedish holiday, Sankta Lucia are some of the festivals that are taking place on campus.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kwanza was celebrated in the Preus-Brandt Forum. Kwanza was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor and chair of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach. Based on the harvest, or "first fruit," celebration, Kwanza combines rituals from the Ashanti and the Zulu.

"With a joint collaboration of the Black Student Union, the Afro-Centric Committee of Ventura County, the NAACP Saturday School and the Multicultural International Program Office, all CLU students are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities," said Juanita Pryor Hall, director of Multicultural and International Programs.

"The event includes dancing, music, entertainment, vendors and free soul food," said Pryor Hall.

Following the Kwanza celebration, on Sunday, Dec. 7, the Las Posadas and Living Nativity took place.

"This will include a re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging," said Pryor Hall.

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition dating back to the 16th century. The event starts at the Student Union Building and ended at Samuelson Chapel. Students reenacted the story of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter by walking through campus and knocking on doors of residence halls asking for lodging. The event concluded with "pandulce" or sweet bread, hot drinks and a piñata.

The last holiday celebration will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. The celebration of Sankta Lucia Festival of Lights will take place. Sankta Lucia was a martyr in the year 304 A.D. The event started as a family tradition in New Sweden during the Advent season. The eldest daughter would dress in white with a

crown of candles on her head and be led by her brothers and sisters to bring bread and coffee to their parents during the darkest day of the year. The word "Lucia" is derived from the Latin "light." At CLU, five women are chosen by students to represent Sankta Lucia. Her representatives and five men lead her throughout the ceremony. This ceremony, to be held in the Samuelson Chapel, will include the lighting of the candles on Sankta Lucia's crown.

All cultural events at CLU can be found in the Cultural Events Guide. This fall semester will conclude with the Advent Vespers Worship Service, held on Dec. 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the Samuelson Chapel.

## Christmas Festival Concerts delight all with performance

By Kristina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

The 2003 California Lutheran University Christmas Festival Concerts kicked off a weekend of performances in the Samuelson Chapel, beginning on Friday December 6. The theme of the concert was "Savior of the Nations Come," and was performed by the University Symphony, conducted by Daniel Geeting, and the CLU Women's Chorale and the CLU Choir, both conducted by Wyant Morton.

The night began with the Chorale preludes on "Savior of the Nations, Come" and the Concertante in B-flat both played by the University Symphony. After a narration by Pastor Melissa Maxwell Doherty, the Chorale and the Choir sang "Let All the Nations Be Gathered Together" before making their grand entrance where they sang the theme song "Savior of the Na-

tions, Come."

There was a wide array of performances throughout the night. Two songs that were popular among the audience were "Fum, Fum, Fum," and "Whisper, Whisper (Baby Born Today)," sung by the Women's quartet and the Kingsmen quartet, respectively.

"My favorite part was the boys quartet. I thought the whole concert was presented very well," said senior Jess Nelson.

CLU senior Joannie Bryan is a member of the choir, as well as the Women's quartet. She enjoyed performing in the concert, even though a lot of time goes into preparing.

"It's the thing that brings us into the Christmas spirit, because the chapel is decorated and we're singing music that people come and wait on us to watch it," Bryan said. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's all worth it."

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Joannie Bryan  
Senior

The presenters displayed their talent and hard work through the entire concert. Some other songs that were sung were "Freedom is Coming," "Let our Gladness Have No End," "A Song to Sing," "What Sweeter Music," and "Silent Night," the latter which was rearranged by the father of a choir member into his own words. The audience was also able to sing along on well-known Christmas songs such as, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and "Hark, The

Herald Angels Sing."

Mary Dahlberg came from the Mount Cross-Lutheran Church in Camarillo just to see Friday night's concert.

"I think it's wonderful that they can memorize all those lines," Dahlberg said. "We come every year and it seems to get better each time."

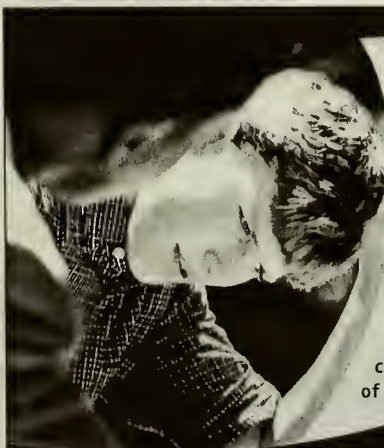
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## Campus Quotes

## What do you like the best about winter holidays?



William Jennett, psychology, 2004

"Obviously the mistletoe, because you get to kiss whoever is under it."



Samer Chmait, biology/chemistry, 2004

"I like sitting on Santa's lap because I like Santa."



Patrick Jennett, English, 2007

"I like licking the cake bowl after my mom bakes a Christmas cake because it's naughty and nice."



Meredith Ebert, communications, 2004

"The best part about Christmas is the special feel of the holidays that you get to share with your family and friends."



Jocelyn Hall, drama, 2005

"I love the whole atmosphere and feeling you get during December."



Christy Casad, English/liberal studies 2004

"Getting to see my family and I love going to midnight mass during Christmas Eve."



Rachelle Berglund, psychology, 2004

"Getting to see my family because I don't get to see them quite often."



Justin Green, undecided, 2006

"Going back home to Hawaii because I get to see my family."

Campus Quotes are compiled by MaryBel Lopez. Photography by Danny Ermolovich.

## Las Posadas: Mexican culture comes to life at CLU

By Lindsay Elliott  
STAFF WRITER

Originating in the New World during the time of military and religious conquests, Las Posadas, or "inn," is a celebration of Joseph and Mary's search for an inn. On Sunday, Dec. 7, students gathered at the SUB to participate in California Lutheran University's rendition of the reenactment celebration.

"Traditionally in Mexico, the celebration is held for nine days before Christmas, taking place at a different house every night," said Dr. Reinhard Teichman. Teichman started the celebration at CLU. "Here at CLU, however, we are only celebrating on one night." Students met at the SUB and proceeded to several residence halls re-enacting the Christmas story.

"About 30 of us walked around campus with students dressed up as Mary and Joseph," said junior Grant Smith. "The student who played Mary even rode on a donkey."

In Mexico, a group representing Mary and Joseph approaches houses and sings songs in Spanish requesting a room for the night, and receives replies in a song

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Grant Smith  
Junior

rejecting their plea. On campus, students re-enacted this portrayal by proceeding to South, Potenberg and Mogen Halls to sing Spanish songs outside the residence halls.

The group travels from house to house, or in CLU's case, from hall to hall, until someone lets them stay. The house that ends up letting them stay will sing the songs of rejection but eventually give in and sing a verse inviting them in for the night. For the participating students, the chapel was the place that finally let them have a place to stay.

After the group of people representing Mary and Joseph are let in, a large party concludes the evening. The chapel was transformed into a place where hot chocolate and "pandulce," or sweet bread, was



Photograph by Abby Proctor

CLU students and community members sing Spanish songs during Las Posadas.

served. Two piñatas were also brought in.

This is the 11th year Las Posadas has been a part of CLU, thanks to Teichman.

"We (Teichman and his wife) brought the celebration of Las Posadas to CLU because at that time we had a very strong L.A.S.O. and the people in the club wanted to do something that everyone could participate in," Teichman said.

Non-Spanish and Spanish-speaking community members and students showed up to participate in the activities.

"I find Hispanic culture very interesting, so I really wanted to go to this," Smith said. "I had a lot of fun acting out the story and learned more about another culture at the same time."



## Sheryl Crow's new CD is something to crow about

By Lindsay Elliott  
STAFF WRITER

For the past decade, the songs that are featured on Sheryl Crow's newest album, "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow" (A&M Records) have established the Kennett, Miss., soulful singer as having a definite impact in the field.

Musical fads have become disposable at the hands of the media and its listeners, but over the years, Crow has remained a constant musical icon. The influences on her music are unmistakably clear on the newest album. Crow's collection includes tracings of classic rock, country, folk, jazz and blues, but remains modern and cutting edge.

Listeners will be able to find every one of Crow's best-known singles on "The Very Best...," including the songs that initially made her the talented musician she is today, such as "Leaving Las Vegas" and "All I Wanna Do." On these tracks, Crow demonstrates her earlier singing style, which was more raw and less refined than what listeners hear on more current singles such as "Soak Up The Sun."

Along with "Soak Up The Sun," songs such as "A Change Would Do You Good" and "Steve McQueen" grace the album with their jocular melodies, which make every listener want to sing along with friends or in the car on a road trip.

Versatility is Crow's game, as she can produce a Top Ten pop single like "Soak Up The Sun" or heart-wrenching folk-influenced pieces like "Strong Enough." "Lie to me/I promise I'll believe/Lie to me/But please don't leave."

"My Favorite Mistake" is another popular single on Crow's album that epitomizes the bittersweet, ironic tone of many of her songs: "Did you know when you go/I'ts the perfect ending/To the bad day I was just beginning/When you go all I know is/You're my favorite mistake."

Newer tracks can also be found on "The Very Best Of..." Her collaborative effort with Kid Rock on "Picture" is on the album, along with a country version that concludes the album. Crow's newest single, "The First Cut Is The Deepest," which appears on the album, is making its mark on music charts across the country, but many people do not know it is actually a Cat Stevens song. Crow's cover cover is a wonderful rendition of this expressive, angst-filled tale that would make Stevens proud.

Another new addition to Crow's musical collection is an homage to the late George Harrison of the Beatles, titled "Light In Your Eyes," that is yet to be released as a single, but most likely will be the next release into mainstream radio.

"The Very Best of Sheryl Crow" is a perfect title for Sheryl Crow's newest album. Her music is fun and catchy, raw and assertive, melancholy and angst-driven, and all of it is worth listening to.

Sheryl Crow will continue to make classic and meaningful music, and also continue to be successful in the mainstream world; and that's a success that not many are able to achieve.

## Chinese Brush Painting in Kwan Fong Gallery captures nature's beauty

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

Works by artists from the Thousand Oaks Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy Association were displayed in the Kwan Fong Gallery in the Humanities Building. The display, held from Nov. 23 to Dec. 5, included paintings of landscapes, birds and fish.

According to Paulina Chang, former president of the association, Chinese brush painting, which influenced Eastern art, has a long history and consists of two basic styles. Fine lines and dots characterize the basic style, which is more ancient than the freestyle, which involves using a brush and dark ink on rice paper and is used more often by the association. Chang said that the rice paper is good for showing mist and landscapes. Calligraphy helps with the brush painting and is what the artists in the association use to learn how to use the brush properly, in addition to learning Chinese words.

"We try to capture the visual and spiritual sense of the beauty of nature," Chang said. "You have to practice how to use the brush the right way to put spirit into the painting. The good way to practice the brush is through calligraphy. Each Chinese character is art as well; that is why our group is not just called painting, it is called the Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy Association."

Harry Wang, another past president of the association, said that blank space and color blending are two other features of Chinese brush painting. Blank spaces are the white gaps in the colors of the mountains, landscapes, trees and bamboo of a painting. Color blending is giving a leaf, for instance, several colors so that it looks more natural. A wet brush is dabbed into different colors, so that it carries several colors at once, and applied to the paper.

Wang said that getting the amount of water right is important, since the paper is very absorbent.

"The brush stroke is very important," Wang said. "It's necessary to use a lot of chi [energy]."

The display featured "Forever" and "Summer Promenade," both by Wang, who has been brush painting for four to five years. He said that other masters and great paintings by the Chinese and European Impressionists inspire him.

"I get a satisfaction from painting something we can all enjoy, something I can share with my family and friends," Wang said.

"Forever" depicts two cranes and pine trees. Wang said that the Chinese like to paint cranes and that the birds stay in pairs for a long time.

"Summer Promenade" is a painting of two goldfish swimming in a pond. Wang also said that fish are very popular in Chinese paintings and a rough translation of a Chinese saying is that "every year there's a fish," meaning that there is always food every year.

Current association president Joannes Wennink had three paintings in the display: "Whispering Mountains," "Bamboo," a traditional scroll with a bamboo scene, and "Wisteria and Koi."

Wennink said that a Chinese painting must have calligraphy when finished. Most of the time, the calligraphy states where the painting was made, who the artist is and when it was created, using the Chinese year. A red seal describing the artist is also applied to the painting.

Wennink said that when a member of the association finishes her or his painting, she or he consults instructor Harris Ha, who has a booklet that is published in China and in Chinese, to find the appropriate calligraphy for the painting. The painting is then taken to a specialist who backs it up with rice paper and borders it

with Chinese silk paper, which has to have certain dimensions.

"It's a special booklet that gives suggestions as to which Chinese phrase to use. You have to have a particular Chinese phrase to suit that painting," Wennink said.

The direct Chinese translation for "Whispering Mountains" is "walking people returning to the rocks echoing words." The direct translation for "Bamboo" is "rather eat without meat cannot live without bamboo no meat makes people thin no bamboo no culture." The direct translation for "Wisteria and Koi" is "relaxed mood self happiness."

Wennink also said that the calligraphy describes the painting directly, indirectly, or with a double meaning.

"If [the painting is] a wedding gift for a relative," he said, "the painting, although it may be of a flower or a tree, may also say a message [in calligraphy] to the relative, such as 'happiness.'"

The association conducts classes, at \$15 per class, for adults and children every other Saturday at Thousand Oaks High School. The adult class is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and materials are provided.

According to Wang, 50 percent of the current members of the association are non-Chinese speaking. Most of the people who attend the classes are primarily from Thousand Oaks.

"We started out with Chinese parents who brought their kids to the Chinese school," Wang said. "The idea is that we're not a group that's limited to the Chinese community; our goal is to be able to share the Chinese culture. We like to invited the Chinese- and non-Chinese-speaking communities to come share with us and look at our exhibit. I think the more we learn about each other, the more we understand each other and it makes the world a better place."

## CLU's Toys for Tots aids needy children

By Kaytie St. Pierre  
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season often inspires feelings of giving and helping, and it is no different for the students at California Lutheran University. The Community Service Center decided to participate in the national Toys for Tots project.

Toys for Tots is an organization started by the U.S. Marine Corps reserve to collect toys for children, ranging in ages of newborn to 18 years old, who would normally not have a Christmas.

"I like this program because people can drop off anything that they think they themselves would have liked as a kid," said Angela Rowley, coordinator for Community Service. "All toys are accepted—from Hot Wheels and Barbie dolls to crayons and markers."

This is the first year that CLU has participated in the program, and it is also a

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Angela Rowley  
Coord. for Community Service

follow-up program to last month's Operation Christmas Child project. Usually, the Community Service Center participates in the Adopt-a-Family program for Christmas, but this year the focus is on needy children.

"We thought of doing Toys for Tots because the program's entire focus is on spreading joy and hope for children during the holidays," said freshman Jennifer Main, student community service coordinator. "It is also an easy project for students to get

involved in. If we have a pretty positive response, hopefully we will make Toys for Tots an annual part of Christmas time at CLU."

The Community Service Center expects students to be very supportive.

"When it comes to children, the students at CLU have a real passion to help those in need," Rowley said. "We always have a very good response from the students here. Our projects are always really supported."

Boxes are set up in the SUB, Humanities Building, and chapel. To participate in this project, bring any unwrapped gift and drop off in one of the boxes before Dec. 17.

"My favorite part about this project is having that you are giving children around the nation gifts that wouldn't normally have a Christmas," said Peter Burgwald, student coordinator of community service. "Brightening up their day makes me feel good inside."

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# A call for justice in Ohio



By Brett Rowland  
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Police union officials in Cincinnati, Ohio said last Friday that they would not change established procedure when dealing with violent offenders. This statement came days after police procedure led to the death of Nathaniel Jones.

According to an interview conducted by BET.com with Cincinnati police officer Lt. Kurt Boyd, Nathaniel Jones had not committed a crime, but mumbled derogatory comments when police officers questioned him outside of a White Castle restaurant. Jones then moved slowly toward the officers, who responded by spraying him with mace. After being sprayed with mace, Jones lunged at one the officers and hit him in the face. After provoking Jones

to violence, police officers beat him death. Later in the week, the coroner concluded that Jones death was a homicide.

While the above is disturbing, I was shocked and appalled to my bitter, bitter core to learn that both the mayor of Cincinnati, Charlie Luken, and the Chief of Police, Thomas Streicher, said that they approved of the way police officers handled the situation. I am not a trained law enforcement officer, but I can say with confidence, that any policy or procedure that results in the death of an unarmed man is unacceptable. In this country, we believe that suspects are innocent until proven guilty, regardless of how the suspect behaves in police custody. He or she should have a chance to stand trial before an educated judge and jury of peers. Even if found guilty in a court of law, criminals are protected by the eighth amendment that "cruel and unusual punishments" will not be inflicted upon them. Police officers struck Jones 40 times with metal nightsticks before subduing him. Being beaten to death is more than cruel; it is sick.

The coroner's report indicated that Jones had PCP and cocaine in his blood system and suffered from an enlarged heart. However, he stated that Jones would be alive today if it had not been for the altercation with police. Even though Jones

had drugs in his blood stream and attacked an officer, that does not justify his treatment by police.

It is difficult for a suspect who is being beaten to submit before serious injury occurs. The natural reaction when being beaten is to defend oneself or fight back. The officers should have stopped hitting Jones for a few seconds to give him a chance to surrender. This course of action would not have put the officers in risk of injury because Jones was unarmed and the ground. Perhaps, if these police officers had used more discretion, Jones would be alive today. Police supporters may claim that such procedure is dangerous or otherwise unwarranted, but many disagree. For example, Nathaniel Livingston, co-chair of the Coalition for a Just Cincinnati, pointed out a recent incident in which an escaped cow became aggressive and charged pedestrians. Instead of beating the cow into submission, police blocked off the area for three days and eventually returned the cow unharmed.

Police officers did not protect or serve Nathaniel Jones; instead, they beat him to death. Re-evaluation of police procedures and effective implementation of non-lethal weapons must occur immediately. In America, justice should not be dispensed by police officers with nightsticks.

# How to make a marriage last

By Jon Acquisti  
COLUMNIST

Everyone dreams of getting married and finding that special person to spend their life with. However, marriage today is much different than what it once was. Divorce is rampant. A present day census show that about one-half of all marriages end in divorce.

Why has this number jumped so drastically in the last few decades? I believe the sanctity of marriage is not as strong as it once was. People are getting married now just for the joy of getting married, rather than for the bond of two lovers.

I am happy to say that my parents are renewing their wedding vows on Dec. 27 after 25 years of marriage. I was asked to speak during the ceremony, and for the first time I have found myself at a lost for words.

How do you speak about a topic you have very little knowledge about? Then it dawned on me that I do have full knowledge of their relationship. I am their third child, their baby. I have witnessed 19 years of their marriage through good times and bad.

Below is a section of the speech that I have prepared to read at the ceremony. As personal as it may be to me, it also reflects the aspects of marriage I have found to be special.

"Nineteen years ago our family was complete. Now, with a party of five and a house of our own, our family was ready to embark upon an unbelievable and incredible journey. Marriage is more than just vows and promises.

"My parents have had their fair share of trouble throughout these many years. It was not until I left to go to college that I truly gained an appreciation for my parents and their commitment to each other. Never before have I seen two people so committed to their children and to one another. They have sacrificed so much for the education of my sister, my brother and I. Their priorities were dropped and ours were put into action immediately.

"My parents have always operated as a singular parental unit. Never once did they fall for the behind-the-other-parent's back trick. They have always stood as parents and friends to all three of their children equally. Kris and Rick have always put education above all others. Maybe my

mother has a bias, being a teacher; however the results have forever changed the ways in which we view the world. School trips and vacations have never only been for pleasure.

"My parents encouraged the thirst for knowledge and the desire to teach to never be pushed aside. There is always something to learn, as well as to teach.

"My parents live simple, yet remarkable, lives. For 19 years they have sacrificed more than anyone can even begin to explain. Not only have they taught me the importance of family, but also the foundations for how I want to life my life. Never once was I denied the chance for success. Instead, I was encouraged to take risks and live life to the fullest. Life is too short not to do what you love.

"I am successful now at the age of 19 because I have two parents who love and support each other, a brother and a sister who assist each other in any task, and a sense of security that can never be denied. I am truly blessed. Rarely in life can you feel such unbelievable amounts of support.

"For me, life would not be the same if the love that existed now did not exist as strong as it did over 19 years ago."

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# OPINION

## Has free speech gone too far?

By Brian Roberts  
COLUMNIST

In America, there are many freedoms we possess that other countries around the world do not. The death penalty, in particular, is a disputed law between the European and the American governments, sometimes causing conflicts over the conditions that certain international criminals are handed over.

In Rwanda this past week, three journalists were jailed for life after they were convicted of playing a major role in inciting extremists to carry out 100-day slaughters against a different ethnicity. In Britain, the government has established libel and slander laws restricting certain events or instances being reported on air or in their newspapers. But here in the good ol' US of A, free speech is alive and well, and that is something that makes our country great — or, at least, it used to.

Free speech in the United States has taken a drastic turn since the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, and now it looks like a car spiraling out of control. Last week, America witnessed the most extreme form of free speech ever seen. Hollywood's elite celebrities and many money brokers gathered in Beverly Hills to organize and streamline fundraising efforts to unseat President George W. Bush. The name of the event was titled "Hate Bush 12/2," marking it as their official day to bash the current president.

Now, doesn't the name of this sound like the sort of thing conservatives would invent to make liberals look stupid and open the conservative spigots? But it was not — and I see a major problem with that event taking place. I have no beef with protesters or activists against the war, or free speech for that matter, but this is where it crosses the line.

Back in February and March of this year, protesters called Bush a "war monger" and pled for the U.S. to love others, wage peace and not hate. Although, when the tables are turned, hatred seems to be acceptable for liberals, especially when it is toward the President. This is when free speech has gone too far. When Clinton sat in the Oval Office for eight years, CEOs, Christians and the blue collar district, which are frequently classified as GOP lovers by the left, never staged rallies when he raised taxes or vetoed partial-birth abortion bans. Where were Hollywood's elite when Clinton decided to attack other countries and spread our military tin around the world?

The last thing this country needs is hate, and for Tinseltown to come out and support it against our chosen leader, is something not to be admired. Matt Drudge of the Drudge Report broke the story about the hate meeting and received much feedback about how the event was not about hate, but free speech. As Drudge pointed out in his column, why then was the event named "Hate Bush 12/2"? This was no right-wing conspiracy. Matt Drudge may be the person selling the fact that Hollywood held the meeting, but he didn't come up with the title. That was a self-inflicted wound, yet again by Hollywood liberals giving honest politics a bad name.

## NASA needs a makeover

By Devon Bostock  
COLUMNIST

According to recent news, the race for space has been revived after thirty-some years. The Bush administration apparently feels it is important for the United States to make it to the moon again.

So we are now engaged in a race with China, who has just put its first person into space, to make it back to the moon. The plan is said to require approximately \$175 billion in funding.

The problem is that NASA has been under fire for quite a while now. They have been criticized as being inefficient and disorganized. They are in desperate need of a makeover before the American public has enough.

The Bush administration: What better makeover than to once again stir up the emotions of a moon landing?

Thinking back on the first landing, what have we done since? Billions and billions of dollars have been poured into the NASA program and very little tangible data has come out of it.

We have launched several satellites into deep space. The result: several failed missions, costing billions of dollars, and some nice pictures. In addition we have

lost two space shuttles and several astronauts in the past twenty years.

I used to believe in the space program, but perhaps this country is looking too far ahead.

Several individuals have been quoted as saying the administration is interested in not only landing on the moon again, but also possibly creating a base. Obviously, this will have a price tag of its own and it won't be cheap.

This statement having been made, many scientists have jumped on the bandwagon, some even going as far as to bring Mars into the equation. Roger Launius, a space historian at the Smithsonian, epitomized this in his statement to USA Today, "If we are to really going to get off this planet and go to a place like Mars, we've got to learn how to operate in deep space."

The last time a mission to Mars was considered was back during the Bush Sr. administration. At that time it came with a price tag of \$400 billion.

The price to save Iraq doesn't seem half as bad now. Regardless, Mars is way too far ahead. I think we need to remember how to put astronauts into space without disintegrating them.

Maybe some of the money being dumped into probes that take 15 years to

take a picture of Jupiter before they dive bomb into the planet and disappear, should be put into upgrading the shuttles that haven't blown up. The technology needs to be brought up to date before we as a country should even think about condoning any more "deep space" missions.

Let's hold off on the moon base for a while and do the things that are necessary for the space program to even make it that far.

Worst case scenario: China becomes the second country to land a man on the moon. It isn't like we own it. In fact, if anyone is planning to build a base on the moon it should be a community effort.

It is a step that could benefit the world so there is no reason not to expect the world to pay for it. Several countries, including China, are already interested in creating a base. If anyone is to go ahead with the plan, everyone should be involved.

There is no matter of national prestige at stake. The moon does offer valuable scientific data but it is not worth "racing" to.

We need to slow down and approach this carefully so that it gets done right.

If NASA rushes into this and something goes wrong, their funding, and more importantly, American confidence, may never return.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Echo,

This letter is in response to "Closed-minded in an open world." Your first sentence says, "It seems here at CLU, the students are closed minded when it comes to appreciating other forms of religion." First, how are you making this claim? The least you could've done was provide a few instances where other forms of religions on campus were not appreciated. Save yourself the embarrassment of sounding like a fool and stick to either facts or personal experiences you could've used as examples instead of generalizing assumptions. One of your points was that people should be less judgmental and yet, you are judging all CLU students.

Second, can you define spirituality? You use the term "spiritual" so broadly it could mean anything from being truly spiritual to just appreciating the earth. I believe the way to a stronger spirituality comes from the practice of religion and the rituals that accompany it. For example, daily scripture reading, reflection, churchgoing, fasting, whatever the rituals for your particular faith is, builds morality and strength of character which in turn lead to a closer relationship with God and hence the strengthening of spirituality. Spirituality based on nothing is exactly that or merely superficiality. Just because you pet animals and recycle doesn't make you spiritual. True spirituality takes work.

Third, you stated that a person's spirituality, religiosity, or lack thereof, "should not matter to anyone but that student." Who are you to judge people who do think it matters? If I am a Christian, and I believe a person's salvation depends on whether or not they accept Christ in their life, then my thinking it matters is important to me and my set of beliefs. So I think you should stop being intolerant of what people believe to be important. I think it is people like you who go around worrying about people like me that are actually the intolerant ones. Perhaps you are intolerant because you are actually insecure with your set of beliefs and "spirituality."

Fourth, "That is the beauty of this

world. We are given the freedom to practice what we desire." Are you even aware of the over 60 countries on this planet that persecute Christians and other minority religions? It is THIS COUNTRY; based on Judeo-Christianity that gives people freedom of religion, certainly not "this world." Look at <http://www.persecution.com>. That is reality; stop living in denial.

Fifth, "religion, especially Christianity, does not seem to leave anything open for interpretation." Are you insane? How many different translations of the Bible are there? (A lot.) How many different languages has the Bible been translated in? (Hundreds.) How many darn Christian denominations are there in this country? (Over 200.) What religion stresses the importance of a personal God? Are you sure you were raised Christian? Let's compare with Islam. What language is the only language a Moslem must read the Koran in to really understand its message? Arabic. How many languages is that? How many interpretations is that? ONE.

Sixth, "It seems that people who are highly religious are not very tolerant of people who practice other's faiths." (By the way, it's OTHER faiths.) On the contrary, people who are genuinely religious are actually supportive and encouraging of other people's religions. It's the secularists and those who are insecure about who they are and what they believe that get easily offended and intolerant. You are so illogical it hurts me. And why do I have to "appreciate other forms of religion?" Why is that your agenda? As long as I treat people with dignity and respect, who says I have to appreciate their religion?

In this day in age, Christianity is the most tolerant religion. You think you would be able to publish an anti-Christian article at a Christian school if Christians were, in fact, so intolerant? You know what would happen if you spoke against Islam in Cairo or anywhere in the Middle East? I don't even want to tell you, but that's why my family moved to this country.

Seventh, "everyone is searching for something greater." Where do you live? Ever heard of atheists? Those are people

who don't believe in God or any higher power and who have no interest whatsoever in "searching for something greater," because they don't believe in anything greater than themselves.

Eighth, "Life is not about judging others. It is not even about judging yourself." What is wrong with you? The unexamined life is not worth living! If you don't judge yourself against any criteria than you have no apparent conscience and therefore are not attempting to live under any moral or ethical codes. How is a person supposed to get better, improve, change and so forth? Examining and reflecting upon one's conscience is the most important thing a person can do. And you call yourself "extremely spiritual?"

Ninth, "It is about living in the present and making choices that you feel are right." No, Jon, it's not. The purpose of life is to be good and spread goodness. Making choices you feel are right is politically correct baloney.

If that's true, then those Columbine murderers definitely had it right because when they had those guns in hand they were certainly "living in the moment" and certainly so when they're shooting their teachers in the head was the right thing to do. Awesome, Jon, good advice. There are some things that are right and some things that are wrong. Some things are obvious, others not, and still others depend on the situation but regrettably, if humans followed only their "feelings" instead of their brains, then we'd be in whole lot more crap than we are now.

Tenth, "with an open mind and acceptance for all, life can never be truly bad." Wrong again. I will not accept "all." I will not accept murderers. I will not accept Militant Islamic Jihad. I will not accept the idea of moral relativism and I certainly will not accept your illogic and lack of clarity. Doing so is harmful and dangerous.

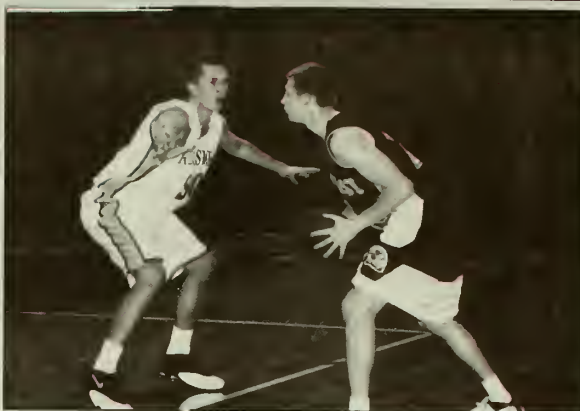
Stop confusing intolerance with strong convictions and belief.

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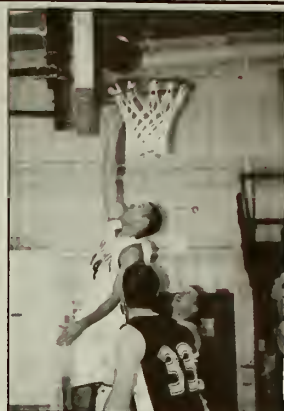




Senior Zareh Avedian shoots a jumper during the WCBC game.



Ron Russ guards a West Coast Baptist opponent during the Kingsmen's 94-61 victory.



Senior Ryan Hodges makes a layup against WCBC.

Photographs by Kyle Peterson

## Kingsmen basketball starts season 3-1

By Luke Patten  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University men's basketball team had a hot start this season, winning three of their first four games.

The Kingsmen won their first game 76-75 at Chapman on a lay-up in the final seconds by junior Ron Russ.

The game was a close one throughout with the Kingsmen holding a four-point advantage at the halftime break.

"Playing the first game on the road is always difficult. It was a close back-and-forth game all the way. Whoever had the last possession was going to win, and Russ had a big offensive rebound and a put-back. It was a good win," Hodges said.

CLU was led by senior Zareh Avedian, who put up 27 points and pulled down six rebounds.

Freshman Brandon Bush showed no signs of nerves in his first collegiate game, scoring 15 points, and shooting three for four from the three-point line.

The Kingsmen's second game was even closer than the first, as they hosted the University of Mary.

Avedian knocked down two free throws with only a couple seconds left in regulation to give CLU a three-point advantage.

Mary's Matt Barton answered with a bank shot from beyond the three-point line at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

The teams played two overtime periods with several lead changes and it wasn't until the final three point shot by Mary went awry at the end of the second overtime that CLU secured a 101-98 victory.

"Our attitude wasn't that they had momentum going into overtime," Hodges said. "We weren't going to let a lucky shot beat us."

Avedian and Hodges led the way for the Kingsmen. Hodges shot nine for 14 from the field finishing with 27 points, eight rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals. Avedian ended the game with 31 points and four rebounds.

"We were just running our offense,"

Hodges said. "[Avedian] is a playmaker so he just made a lot of plays and I had all the guys really setting me up well in the post. It's really hard to stop when you have to guys who can score in the post."

Russ and Bush combined to provide most of the outside threat for the CLU offense shooting five of nine from three-point range, finishing the night with 16 points each.

After two close games, the Kingsmen returned to the court, crushing West Coast Baptist 94-61.

"That's a game where you want to get up early so that you can get the subs in to the game because those are the guys who are getting us ready in practice, and they work just as hard as anybody, so they deserve a chance to get some playing time. It's important as well because you never know who's going to be needed later in the year," Hodges said.

Five Kingsmen finished the game with double digits, led by Avedian with 18 points. Freshman Phillip Lehmann came off the bench and scored 14 points.

Junior point guard Matt Adame dished

out 11 assists and recorded four steals while only committing one turnover.

Russ and sophomore Greg Grier were the leading rebounders for the Kingsmen finishing with six apiece.

The Kingsmen defense forced West Coast Baptist into 22 turnovers and held them to .41 percent shooting.

CLU's winning streak came to an end in their next game as they fell at California Baptist by a score of 71-63.

"Obviously it's always tough to lose, but that's a good team and it's always tough to play on the road. I thought we did a nice job of competing though," Hodges said.

After leading 63-62 with only a few minutes to play, CLU watched as Baptist ran off the last nine points of the game.

"We just had a couple turnovers and things didn't go our way in the last few minutes, but we watched some tape and it was good for us. We learned from it," Hodges said.

Hodges led the CLU offense with 19 points and grabbed six rebounds. Russ added 13 points to the Kingsmen effort.

## Eight Kingsmen football players named All-SCIAC

By Etienne Emanuel  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen football team closed its 2003 season with eight players named to the All-SCIAC team.

On defense, senior Pat Casteel was named First Team All-SCIAC, finishing with 47 solo tackles and 32 assisted tackles as well as one interception.

Casey O'Brien also received First Team honors after finishing the year with 15 solo tackles and 16 assisted tackles and eight sacks.

"We had a good season; we finished second place. I think this was my most productive season I've had since being here," O'Brien said. "We had some good players and it was nice to see them get credit for their work."

Ryan Tukua was also named to the All-SCIAC First Team and completed the season with 21 solo tackles 19 assisted and two sacks.

On offense, Jimmy Fox received First Team honors after finishing the season with 779 yards receiving and seven touchdowns, as well as 86 yards rushing with

one rushing touchdown.

"I had a great time this season. We had good team chemistry and I think that was a big part of our success. All these guys put in a lot of hard work to get to this point, and there is a lot of talented players in conference, so it's a real honor," Fox said.

Senior Kyle Wells was also named First Team All-SCIAC for his excellent season on the offensive line, and fellow linemen Sean Brosnan was named to the Second Team.

Also receiving recognition as members of the All-SCIAC Second Team for their efforts on the field were Quinn Longhurst and Joe Henle. Longhurst had a team-high 11 sacks as well as 19 solo and 19 assisted tackles. Henle finished with 19 solo and 20 assisted tackles, as well as seven sacks.

"We had some big-time players this year, and it's always nice to see them get recognition. We finished at the top in a lot of statistical categories. I think there were more guys who could have easily been right there. We have some spots to fill now with some of these guys leaving, so we are looking to have a big recruiting class and get back at it," Head Coach Scott Squires said.

## Faculty/staff dominate first-ever CLU Ballin'

By Justin Shore  
STAFF WRITER

The faculty defeated the students by a score of 60-55 in the CLU Ballin' basketball game Dec. 3.

The faculty jumped to an early lead, with the students struggling with their shooting. The faculty/staff team stretched a 20-point lead prior to half time.

"The students could not make shots and the faculty was making lots of shots, and seemed to be much more organized," said Cristie Tripedda, a spectator.

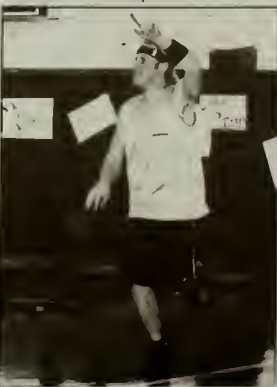
"I was glad to see the teachers beat the students. I had a great time," said Nick Teslic.

The faculty/staff team was led by Nate Fall, coordinator of fitness and recreation, who made several no-look and behind-the-back passes look easy.

CLU Ballin' was organized by the Student Capital Campaign Committee as a fundraiser for the North Campus project.

Overall the game raised \$203 for the CLU's new athletic facilities according to the SCCC.

"We were hoping [we would earn]



Photograph by Rachael Carver

Nate Fall brings the ball up the court for the faculty/staff team.

more, but we really didn't have anything to compare it to," organizer Nicole Hackbarth said. "The event was really fun and we hope to do something similar next semester and in years to come."



# Regals basketball records first win of season

By Lindsey Rarick  
STAFF WRITER

## Women's Basketball Loses in Double Overtime

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team lost 103-93 to UC Santa Cruz in double overtime at the CLU Gymnasium Tuesday in the Regals' home opener.

In the first half, the Regals shot 42.9 percent from the field, but UC Santa Cruz nailed 17 out of its 33 shots, shooting 51.5 percent in the first half.

Defensively, Cal Lutheran was following their plan of attack, but the Banana Slugs' offense was difficult to control.

"Santa Cruz is a really good team, and we knew that going into it," sophomore captain Alex Mallen said.

In the second half, the Regals stepped up their game, tightening their defense and out shooting UCSC 38-30. After being behind for most of the game, Cal Lutheran tied the score to take the game into overtime.

"That was the best that we've played. We've never played that hard. We played with heart and our coaches were proud of our effort," Mallen said.

The score remained tied after the first overtime period.

"We wanted to get steals and try to get momentum our way. This game was all about momentum; it was going both ways. We had to get steals, not give the ball away and execute on offense," Head Coach



Photograph by Dan Norton

Sophomore point guard Alex Mallen brings the ball up the court for the Regals during their 103-93 double overtime loss to UC Santa Cruz.

Kristy Hopkins said.

UC Santa Cruz dominated the second overtime period, out-shooting Cal Lutheran 16-6, resulting in a final score of 103-93. Despite the loss, the Regals were still very happy with the game.

"We came from behind and took the lead. They played so hard. They played the hardest out of any team we've had here at Cal Lutheran," Hopkins said.

## Regals Get First Win Over Bethany

The Regals basketball team achieved its first win of the season with a 75-67 defeat of Bethany College (Calif.) at the CLU Gymnasium Friday, Dec. 5.

With their first win, the Regals improved their overall record to 1-2, while the Bruins fell to 1-2.

Cal Lutheran took the lead early in the game, but Bethany College was able to catch up later in the half. The Regal defense used their trap to slow down the offense of their opponents.

"We forced 27 turnovers from our trap. We had quite a few steals that came from our trap. Valerie [Piñaj] alone had five steals," Hopkins said.

Despite CLU's defensive efforts, the offensive efforts were not as effective in the first half. The Regals shot 39 percent from the field in the first half.

"We had fast breaks but we just didn't make the lay-ups. We didn't finish our easy opportunities," freshman Caroline Beddow said.

The Regals entered the locker room for their halftime talk with Bethany at a 40-38 advantage.

"A couple of players just needed to step it up. They needed to turn it on and play. We were turning the ball over so I told them they need to play smarter," Hopkins said.

The CLU offense turned it on in the second half and played harder offensively, while still maintaining their solid trapping on defense. The Regals outshot Bethany 37-27, which resulted in the 75-67 Cal Lutheran win.

"We came out of the locker room after the first half and just stepped it up because we knew what we needed to do. We knew we just needed to play harder and with more effort. We were playing to their level in the first half," Mallen said.

Mallen had a game-high 20 points, Julie Clchon had 17 and Lauren Stroot had a double-double with 18 points and a game-best 12 rebounds.

Defensively, Mallen and Clchon had four steals each.

"Offensively, we did fine with 75 points. That's 20 more than we would have had last year. We had three players in double figures. We have enough talent on our team where we don't have to rely on just one player to do all of the scoring," Hopkins said.

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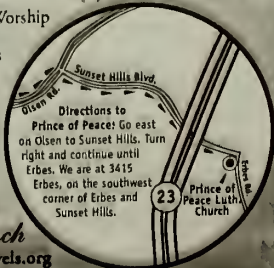
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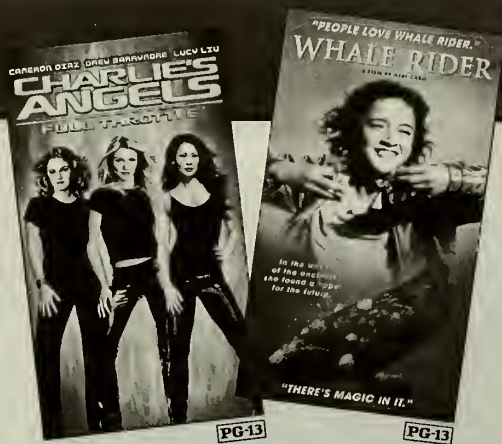




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# Racism, theft taint end of semester

By Devon Bostock  
News Editor

Swastikas and racist statements were written on posters on the door of room 1209 in Potenberg Hall last Dec. 18, 2003. A series of robberies also marked the semester's end.

According to Security Manager Klay Peterson, there were no witnesses and no one has been implicated in the incident.

"We are taking this very seriously. It is being treated as a hate crime," Peterson said.

Several of the occupants of the apartment are of Hispanic descent, including Saul Aguilar. Aguilar said he left the apartment around 9:45 a.m. to use a printer in the library, and when he returned at around 10:15 a.m., he found the graffiti.

"Racism is illogical and ignorant. It has no place in this society. This was a cowardly act," Aguilar said. "I may not always agree with people's perspectives, but I will accept them if they come and discuss it with me, face to face."

The vandalism has renewed interest on campus in the nature of racism and hate crimes. On Jan. 29, an open forum discussion in Potenberg Hall dealt with the incident and racism in general.

In addition, the President's Office has created a special committee to deal with cultural diversity on campus called the President's Diversity Council.

**"Racism is illogical and ignorant. It has no place in this society."**

Saul Aguilar  
Senior

"At California Lutheran University, all are welcome and respected. When acts of intolerance and racism have occurred at CLU, we have said, and will always say, 'Not on our campus.' We mean this and will not tolerate or stand by when ignorance and hate are expressed," said Dean of Students Bill Rosser.

A series of robberies also occurred during the final three weeks of classes. Several laptops were stolen, along with other items from cars and dorm rooms.

Three individuals were caught, including one student from CLU, and most of the stolen property was recovered.

According to Peterson, the unidentified student was arrested and charged with three counts of burglary. University policy does not allow names of student suspects to be released by Security. The remaining two suspects were taken into Thousand Oaks Police custody. At least one of the two was arrested.

The vandalism was not related to the robberies.



Photograph courtesy of Saul Aguilar

*Racist graffiti covers posters on the door of room 1209 in Potenberg Hall.*

# North Campus construction to begin

By Ashley George  
Staff Writer

Construction of the highly anticipated North Campus Athletics Complex is scheduled to commence in April.

In December, California Lutheran University was granted permission by the Thousand Oaks Planning Commission to modify the campus.

"If all goes well with the remainder of the permitting process, we plan on breaking ground in April," said Ryan Van Ommeren, director of Facilities.

Building will begin with a new track and soccer field, which is scheduled to be finished in August.

Also in August, work will begin on the Sports and Fitness Center and a new baseball field. The Sports and Fitness Center will be home to a dance studio, an Alumni Hall of Fame, classrooms and labs, fitness and weight training centers, offices and two gymnasiums.

Construction of an aquatics center will begin in September. The center will house a 50-meter by 25-yard swimming pool. In addition, it will include changing rooms, conference rooms, offices and restrooms.

Building of phase one is scheduled to finish upon completion of the aquatics center in July 2005.

Costs for the entire Now Is the Time campaign total \$80 million. To date, Cal Lutheran has raised upward of \$70 million.

The first phase of construction, which includes the Sports and Fitness Center, aquatics center, soccer stadium and the George "Sparky" Anderson Baseball Field, will cost roughly \$23 million.

The Advancement Division, which is in charge of fund-raising for North Campus, has been successful in raising nearly \$15 million.

Susan McQuilkin, campaign manager, said that student support for the con-

struction of the North Campus Athletics Complex has been remarkable.

According to McQuilkin, Adam Jussel, who is chair of the Student Capital Campaign Committee and a "tremendous force"; Nicole Hackbarth, who is a graduate of Cal Lutheran, an area residence coordinator, and coordinator of student programs; and Michael Fuller, who is associate dean of Students, have been instrumental in rounding up supporters.

"I am excited about the addition of the North Campus. I am looking forward to the new aquatic facility, and having a pool on campus. I hope to be on the swim team next year, so it will help to have a pool so close and it will enable us to have some home meets instead of having to travel everywhere," said freshman Kari Uthus.

Administrators anticipate that student participation in fitness, intramural and recreational activities will increase with the advent of the athletics complex.

"[T]his is the experience of other

institutions that have completed similar projects," Van Ommeren said.

Students aren't the only people excited about North Campus, however. Many coaches and professors are enthusiastic about the athletics complex.

"They are very excited ... this project has been anticipated for years," Van Ommeren said.

On its website, CLU asserts that "Athletic, educational and recreational facilities help CLU to fulfill its mission in developing tomorrow's leaders — leaders strong in character who are mentally, morally, and physically fit for the modern world."

The North Campus Athletics Complex will provide students with a place to learn and to stay physically fit.

If students wish to make a donation to the Now Is the Time campaign, they may do so online at [http://www2.clunet.edu/giving\\_to\\_clu/campaign/giving\\_form.php](http://www2.clunet.edu/giving_to_clu/campaign/giving_form.php).



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**today**  
february 4

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**French Club Meeting**  
F-5  
6 p.m.

**Lord of Life Church Council Meeting**  
Chapel Lounge  
7:30 p.m.

**Commun Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.

**thursday**  
february 5

**Hawaiian Club Meeting**  
Apartments Lounge  
6 p.m.

**Intramural Indoor Soccer**  
Gym  
9 p.m.



**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

**friday**  
february 6

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Lutheran Leadership Event**  
Chapel  
6 p.m.

**Regals Basketball vs. Calif. Institute of Technology**  
Gym  
7:30 p.m.

**saturday**  
february 7

**Leadership Institute**  
Humanities Building  
10 a.m.

**Kingsmen Basketball vs. University of Redlands**  
Gym  
7:30 p.m.

**sunday**  
february 8

**Faculty Recital - Dorothy Shechter**  
P/B Forum  
4 p.m.

**Lord of Life Warship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15

**Intramural Indoor Soccer**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**monday**  
february 9

**Sexual Responsibility Week**

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.



**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

**tuesday**  
february 10

**Sexual Responsibility Week**

**ASCLU Executive Cabinet Elections**  
SUB  
9 a.m.

**Brown Bag Series**  
WRC  
12 p.m.

**Regal's Basketball vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges**  
Gym  
7:30 p.m.

**FOX Sports w/Jimmy Fox: CLU-TV, Channel 16, Wednesdays @ 10:30 p.m.**

This week's guest: Alex Mallen & Julie Cichon from the Regals Basketball Team

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# ASCLU to disband RHA

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

In their recent meeting, ASCLU-G made some changes to the school's constitution regarding student government. It was decided that the Residence Hall Association should be eliminated. Several changes were also enacted in the way future elections will be run. Changes were also made to current government positions.

Last semester, RHA debated on whether or not it was serving its intended purpose on campus. RHA's functions are similar to that of both Senate and Programs Board, but focuses directly on residence halls. Between Senate, PB, and the resident assistants, much of what RHA does is redundant.

The board decided, with a vote of 22-4, that ASCLU could do without RHA. Next, they decided where RHA's 6 percent of student fees would go; who would take on the programs it handled, such as Alcohol Awareness Week, Sexual Responsibility Week and care packages; and how to rewrite some of ASCLU-G's by-laws.

The committee consisted of the three board directors, the ASCLU president, and two members from each board. Michael

Fuller, associate dean of students and ASCLU adviser, and Angela Naginey, director of Residence Life and adviser to RHA, oversaw the committee.

"I think the ASCLU-G seriously took into consideration what they felt would be in the best interest of the student body," Fuller said.

The committee first deleted everything having to do with RHA from the constitution, followed by the delegation of the funds that belonged to RHA.

The committee decided that the 6 percent of student fees allocated to RHA would be divided up, giving Student Programs 3 percent, Senate 2 percent, and PB 1 percent.

The final task was to update and amend outdated parts of the existing constitution. Minor grammatical changes were made, as well as updating current organization names, such as Multicultural Services to Multicultural Programs.

The committee also decided to remove all at large positions from Senate and PB. In their place, each class will have four representatives instead of three.

Additionally, students will no longer vote for only their class, but for each position on every board, because all senators and

**"I think ASCLU seriously took into consideration what they felt would be in the best interest of the student body."**

Michael Fuller  
ASCLU adviser

programmers represent the student body in its entirety and should be elected as such. The reasoning behind not changing all of the positions to at large positions was to keep an equal representation of each class on each board.

Other changes included eliminating the dance and social activities coordinator from PB, adding a second appointed marketing position to PB, and making the ASCLU controller an appointed position.

The new constitution was voted on by all three existing boards of government. The bill passed in each board meeting on Jan. 26. The vote then went to the entire student body. On Jan. 28, 258 students voted on the amendment. It passed with 92 percent of the vote.

RHA will finish the semester with its intended hall programs of Club Lu, Sexual



Photograph by Dan Norton

*Senate members Robert Boland and Jason Soyster take notes during the meeting.*

Responsibility Week and Siblings Weekend. The board will disband April 30. Amendments to the constitution will go into effect at that time.

## CLU participates in library workshop

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University will take part in the Transformation of the College Library national workshop in Minneapolis this summer in hopes of addressing critical issues in information literacy and the dramatic changes occurring in college libraries.

Organized by the Council of Independent Colleges and in cooperation with the Council of Library and Information Resources, Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur, provost and dean of faculty; Julius Bianchi, associate provost for Information Services; and Dr. Leanne Neilson, associate professor of psychology and chair of faculty have been invited to attend the three-day workshop beginning June 3.

"Enhancing the CLU library is a key component of the academic plan," Jolicoeur said. "Great universities are known, in part, for the quality of their libraries; it is important that the university grow in all areas of information literacy."

This workshop will offer information and develop protocol to aid CLU to "build

something fresh, contemporary and that serves the needs of students in an information-intense environment," Jolicoeur said.

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Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur  
Provost and Dean of Faculty

Selected to represent a cross-section of administrators, faculty and Information Systems Services, the team will learn about relevant issues facing Pearson Library such as advancing information literacy as an element of liberal education, the role of the library in teaching and learning through collaboration and the changing use and conception of the physical space of the library, to name just to name a few, according to the CIC website.

"We first began looking deeply at infor-

mation literacy issues as part of the Western Association for Schools and Colleges accreditation review," Neilson said. Part of the review process is to set goals for the university, and "improved information literacy skills is one of our goals," she said.

Discrepancy/gap analysis research conducted by Julius Bianchi and ISS also revealed that the library and its resources "have less of everything across the board as compared to other institutions of our size," Bianchi said.

Although CLU's academic programs reflect its commitment to academic development and an ongoing effort to improve information literacy, offering a wide range of masters-level programs as well as the new doctoral program in education.

"The library and its resources still fall short in support of these programs," Bianchi said.

As one of the smallest libraries among our peer institutions, "there is much room for improvement," Bianchi said.

He specified the areas of improvement are collection size, collection relevancy, the number of books circulated, inter-library loans, the number of computers available,

print resources and in the physical comfort and layout of the library.

"I am excited to attend [the workshop] and to work as a team in a collaborative effort to incorporate information technology into all areas of academics at CLU," Neilson said.

By the end of the workshop, Bianchi expects that the team will have developed goals for the library collections, information literacy and facility planning. Bianchi also maintains that involving key stakeholders in library planning will allow the team to return to campus with a more unified and thorough vision for the library.

"The library for the 21st century is a much more dynamic entity than just a facility with books and periodicals. It is a service center that provides access to electronic collections and physical holdings from other libraries and assistance to students and faculty on how to locate and use resources," Jolicoeur said.

For more information, students may contact the CIC via their website, [www.cic.edu](http://www.cic.edu), or contact Julius Bianchi in the Office of Information Systems and Services at ext. 3483.

## Senate sets goals for the new semester

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Senate has come back from a month-long hiatus to discuss such issues as lighting on campus, two new study areas in the Thompson and Pedersen lounges and benches at the cross during last week's meeting.

The main issue of the night was the newly revised ASCLU constitution. The constitutional changes were due to the decision made a few months earlier by ASCLU-G to eliminate the Residence Hall Association from ASCLU. As a result, four new positions were added to Senate and five to Programs Board. Another change being voted on was the elimination of all at large positions in both Senate and Programs Board, as well as the Dance and

Social Activities Coordinator position from Programs Board.

The discussion took up most of the meeting as some Senate members were apprehensive about allowing the student body to be able to vote on all ASCLU-G positions and not just for their class as it had been previously. Junior Senator Jared I. Perry moved to amend the bill, but the motion failed.

"Voters have a hard enough time voting for just their class; now they have to vote for 16 people in Senate and 16 for Programs Board," said sophomore Senator Manissa Tsaniff regarding the constitutional changes.

After much discussion, the constitutional changes were approved with 14 in favor, zero opposed and two abstentions.

Senate also voted on the constitutional

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Jared I. Perry  
junior Senator

bylaws change which would increase stipends for the ASCLU president, ASCLU Senate director and ASCLU Programs Board director. It would also amend position descriptions so that they would correctly reflect ASCLU and the elimination of RHA. The bill passed with 15 in favor, zero opposed and one abstention.

Senate Director Jason Soyster stressed

the importance of each committee completing at least one project this semester and making it known that Senate was working on other campus projects.

"As a whole, I want students to be aware of changes we are making on campus, like the new computers in the SUB," Perry said.

The Indoor Structural Committee headed by at large Representative Carly Coker is working on having a study lounge built in both Thompson and Pedersen.

Senior Senator Rachel Eskesen stated that as part of the Academics Committee, "We're working toward a brighter library."

Junior Senator Kellie Kocher stated that the Campus Life Committee was working on a joint resolution with the Outdoor Structural Committee about the lighting on campus.



# FEATURES

## What are you looking forward to this semester?



Joey Cusick, business, 2005

"Getting to meet everyone for the first time and getting accustomed to the CLU way of life."



Joey Stein, sports medicine, 2007

"Getting to know all of the new ladies on campus."



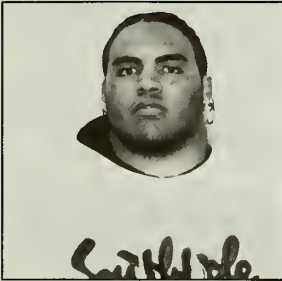
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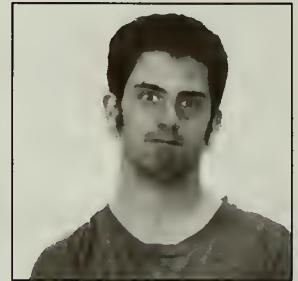
Alex Gonzales, communication, 2005

"Working for 'Fox Sports' on CLU-TV."



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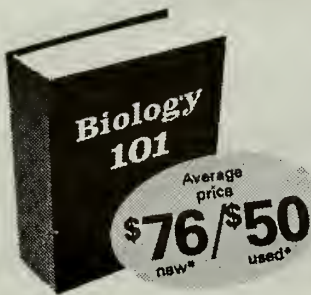


Brendan Kinion, drama, 2004

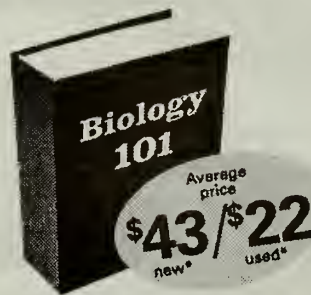
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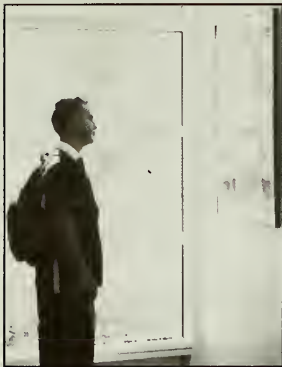
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# FEATURES

## Design Journal Show encourages creativity



Photograph by Stephanie Shaker

Sophomore Matthew Kugler examines a design journal.

By Sierra McGuire  
STAFF WRITER

"What if penguins took over the world" is just one of the perplexing pieces featured now in the Design Journal Show in the Kwan Fong Gallery by California Lutheran University's multimedia department.

"I think it's interesting and kind of weird, and I'm still trying to figure it out," junior Carrie Missall said. "It's all so random."

The randomness she's talking about can surely be found at the exhibit including Nana Yaw's "Monkey Pie Recipe," which, if inquiring, "[is] best served with a chilled glass of monkey blood."

The displays are creative entries from 26 multimedia students' daily design journals from the previous semester. As an ongoing assignment, students were

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Keith Bartlett  
Freshman

required to keep a journal of their life. The objective was to overcome the blank page and fill it with words and images that express their view on life. Each page expresses emotions of happiness, sadness, frustration, inspiration or whatever confronted them that day.

"Some of the people have some real artistic talent, like Curtis Harlow," said freshman Keith Bartlett. "I think it's a great idea they're putting up students' work."

Other work features sketches of comic book characters by Brandon Hill, which are part of his comic book "Arsenal." He's been working on it for almost a year and hopes to launch soon with his best friend. His doodle on a page sparked a comic book franchise, and for some of his other classmates, it led to an idea for a new television miniseries, a documentary on endangered species and lit the fire for future animation, music and design.

The design journal show is featured in the Soiland Humanities Center until Saturday, Feb. 7.

Professor of multimedia Daniel Restuccio's purpose for displaying the work is to encourage others to "leap off the thousand foot pole and start your own journal," according to Restuccio's show introduction. "The inspiration you feel here is a delightful invitation to begin that exciting journey."

## Bandits Bar and Grill caters to meat lovers

By Kristina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

Venture in to Bandits Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks on almost any night, and you will be sure to find the restaurant abuzz with families, couples and friends. The small family eatery, which opened in 1990, is well known around Ventura County for its Texas-style barbecue dishes.

No reservations are allowed in this res-

taurant, and after arriving it is obvious why. The dining area is only slightly larger than a California Lutheran University Humanities building classroom. This aspect actually works for Bandits by making the atmosphere cozy and inviting. Even though the square room looked filled, we were seated quickly at one of the dark wood tables. The service throughout the night was decent, but not anything extraordinary.

If what you're looking for is meat, this is a good spot for it. From chicken, to tri-tip, to

ribs, all the meat is barbecued over a slow oak fire. There are also four different seasonings available with the meat: the original house barbecue for the traditional eaters, sweet and tangy teriyaki, a spicy mix of onions and peppers called jerk or the plain seasoning of salt, pepper and garlic.

If anything on the menu could be improved, it would be the side dishes. For the dinner platters, the side dishes available are fries, a baked potato, ranch beans or corn on the cob. The potatoes were dry and the ranch

beans were too tangy. Even so, the meat is very tasty as the main dish.

In terms of prices, Bandits is reasonable. You can get a lot of food for under \$15. The portions are large, and most customers leave with a doggie bag. If for some reason a vegetarian were to choose Bandits for a meal, there are salads and Garden Burgers available on the menu also.

Along with the normal beverages, Bandits also offers bottled sodas to go along with the "old-time" feel of the restaurant.

## CD 'Let's get rid of L.A.' essential for punk lovers

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

Reminiscent of a time when Rodney on the Roq broke new ground and Penelope Spheeris badgered a very inebriated Exene Cervenka with trivial questions, "Let's Get Rid of L.A." is an essential compilation for anyone interested in the underground L.A. music scene. Collecting an eclectic array of styles, the record covers the art-punk tendencies of The Make Out Party, the Josie Cotton-inspired new wave pop of The Pinkz and the roots-punk sound of the Starvations and The Alleged Gunmen. While all of the bands represented are as unique as the members in them, they all have that warm, accessible lo-fi sound so commonly associated with music of relevance. Simply put, this composition is for anyone in need of a fresh reminder of what the L.A. music scene still has to offer.

Opens the Rolling Blackouts bring their artsy-garage punk assault with "Champagne and Painkillers." Neon King Kong takes a page from the Morris/Ginn Black Flag era songwriting book and proves that juvenile delinquent beach rats are still present and accounted for. The Orphans bring pure punk fury with "Miss Easy Rider." With the exception of the lackluster "Minute" by Radio Vago, "Let's Get Rid of L.A." is virtually dead free. That said, the two standout tracks belong to The Starvations and the Alleged Gunmen. The latter's "New Bo Diddley" is an utterly fantas-

tic apocalyptic tale, sang over the music of a Teddy boy dancehall. Continuing in his Shane MacGowan-inspired narratives, Gabriel Hart of the Starvations has nothing but contempt for bourgeois West Los Angeles.

In the liner notes of "Let's Get Rid of L.A.," Todd Taylor vies for the erasure of L.A.'s punk past (a bit ironic, considering the name of this composition was taken from a Random song). With a past roster of X, The Gun Club, Catholic Discipline, The Go Go's and Black Flag, Taylor might be asking for too much. Nevertheless, his thesis is a completely valid (and understandable) one. The very richness and romanticizing of L.A.'s punk past has seemingly weighed down any expectation of reaching a golden pinnacle L.A. once achieved.

However, this feeling of complete dispossession is understandable, as there hasn't been much to offer the kids of L.A., especially in comparison to its original 1977 punk burst. Consequently, this marginal perspective only strengthens Taylor's thesis, considering the rot of L.A.'s stagnant music scene could be so easily inhaled by anyone just prior to that now mythical blast of the late '70s. Will the bands on "Let's Get Rid of L.A." move L.A.'s preconceived immovable bar up a notch? Only time or another composition begging for the dismissal of "Let's Get Rid of L.A." will tell. Regardless, it has certainly (and more importantly) reinstalled my faith in L.A.'s current scene.

## Campus political clubs plan events, speakers

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

The six clubs on the California Lutheran University campus that have been officially identified as political clubs are planning events catered to the 2004 election year and getting students prepared to vote. The main focus and club politics of these organizations are to inform and involve the student population as much as possible.

"Just get involved whether you are part of the Democratic Party, Republican Party, or Green Party; it all makes a world of difference," said President Brian Roberts of the Republican Club.

With the upcoming elections for the presidency in November, CLU students should prepare for debates and speakers. The Democrat Club and Republican Club have planned a debate between Saul

Aguilar, Democrat Club president and Brian Roberts, Republican Club president. The debate is scheduled to take place in early February.

The Republican Club also has plans for a keynote speaker late in the spring semester.

"I am not very politically involved, but I try to stay informed about national and school politics as much as I can, and it's cool that there is a Democratic Club so that I can reference them for information," freshman Amelia Bell said.

This completes the goal of all the political clubs on the CLU campus. The Democratic and Republican Clubs have seen a significant increase of students becoming involved in the political clubs on campus from last year's projections.

Other political clubs that are planning events are the Programs Board for student involvement and the Senior Committee.

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# OPINION

## CBS picks beer over politics



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

CBS refused to air two commercials during Super Bowl XXXVIII, claiming that they did not accept or air advocacy commercials. However, the network did air a "wardrobe malfunction" that displayed Janet Jackson's exposed breast and pierced nipple to millions of viewers during a live halftime show produced by MTV. Both CBS and MTV later apologized for the incident, but all apologies aside, this is a colossal disservice to the American people. The display of Jackson's nipple was almost certainly a violation of Federal Communications Commission rules prohibiting indecent material from being broadcast between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. And while it is important

for CBS to comply with FCC regulations, I am much more concerned with the network's failure to air advocacy commercials.

CBS has been granted a broadcasting license by the FCC and as a result of this, is charged with serving the public interest. Last week's broadcast of the Super Bowl raises questions about whose interest CBS is really serving. Apparently CBS believed that airing a series of Bud Light commercials encouraging millions of Americans to drink beer better served the public than two advocacy commercials designed to promote discussion about issues of public importance. MoveOn.org recently raised \$4.5 million to air the winner of its anti-Bush ad contest during the Super Bowl. CBS wouldn't take a dime of their money. CBS spokesperson Dana McClintock said that CBS has a long-standing policy of prohibiting advocacy advertisements. With this same reasoning, CBS refused to sell ad time to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Contrary to the network's long-standing prohibition of advocacy ads, CBS did air two other non-commercial, "issue," advertisements. One discourages drug use and encourages parents to be more aware of their children's activities. The second humorously portrays what would happen if other companies sold harmful products like

cigarettes. Both of these commercials seem to advocate specific positions on issues of public importance, yet CBS deemed them fit to air.

Even conservative Fox News pundit Bill O'Reilly publicly stated that he did not understand why CBS refused to air the MoveOn.org ad, which depicts young children performing mental jobs and asks, "Guess who's going to pay off President Bush's \$1 trillion deficit?"

Certainly the MoveOn.org ad is less offensive and controversial than the Bud Light ad in which a woman's face is brutally scorched when she accidentally ignites a horse's flutulence.

CBS swallowed government-sponsored, anti-drug ads whole, even though drug abuse is certainly a controversial issue. However, when a group of citizens try to run a commercial aimed at promoting positive discussion about the future debt of America, CBS chokes. The citizens of this country have entrusted their airwaves to CBS, only to be denied access to them. In this age of highly concentrated media ownership, I believe the FCC should require all broadcast networks to reserve one minute of every broadcast hour for paid advocacy commercials. This would diversify public opinion and guarantee access to all.

## TV dumbing down America

By Brandee Tecson  
STAFF WRITER

First, it was newwed Jessica Simpson with her infamous Chicken of the Sea, "Is this chicken or is it tuna?" comment. Next, MTV recruited daughter of famous fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger to star in yet another reality series "Rich Girls," which follows Hilfiger's daughter Ally and best friend Jamie Gleicher (Who can forget Gleicher's statement that Benjamin Franklin invented the light bulb?)

Next, Fox retaliated by coming up with quite possibly the most ridiculous, yet genius, concept for a reality show to date. In "The Simple Life," multimillion-dollar heiresses Paris Hilton, heir to a \$36 million hotel empire, and her best friend Nicole Richie, daughter of singer Lionel Richie, are plucked out of their Beverly Hills homes and planted right smack in the middle of rural America to see if they can actually fend for themselves - no credit cards, no cell phones, no safety net - for 30 days. Needless to say, the two socialites turned the small town of Altus, Ark., upside down.

The show was an instant smash, drawing in over 13 million viewers with the debut episode, catapulting Hilton and Richie into reality superstardom. Fox has already started production on a second season, set to air in May, just in time for those crucial network sweeps. Although the locale has yet to be determined, Fox entertain-

ment chief Gail Berman said it's likely that the girls will travel "outside our borders" for a second go-around.

On Jan. 21, MTV launched the second season of "Newlyweds," tracking Simpson and Nick Lachey through their second year of marriage and quite possibly some more rare Simpson-isms we have come to know and laugh at.

So why is America so captivated with these reality shows that seem to cater to the lowest common denominator? Is it that we feel somewhat smarter when we see Hilton ask, "What is Wal-mart? Is that where they like sell wall stuff?" or do we feel less inferior when we hear Simpson say she doesn't eat buffalo wings because she doesn't like buffalo?

Perhaps. Maybe we put these celebrities on such a high pedestal that we are eagerly waiting for a chance to see these beautiful, rich, seemingly "perfect" individuals fall on their face, and at times, even fling themselves off of their pedestal with those dim-witted comments.

While it is hard to say exactly why we cater to such unrealistic "reality" programming, the fact is, we do. With shows like "American Idol" and "The Apprentice" drawing in viewers by the millions, reality TV has taken the top spot during primetime. Even with new reality shows coming out practically every other week, we can't seem to get enough of it. "Survivor," one of the original reality shows, has already started its special All-Star edition, pitting 16 former contestants

against each other in the ultimate game of "Outwit. Outlast. Outplay."

Do we really watch these shows because of the "reality" factor? Hardly. After all, it has been speculated that many of the reality shows are, in fact, somewhat scripted. But maybe it is the "larger than life" aspect to reality TV that draws us in. If these shows are to be a reflection of what really happens in the real world, then maybe we like to fool ourselves into thinking that the love of our life will drive up in a black stretch limousine, a la, "The Bachelor"; or that an "Average Joe" can win the heart of a gorgeous beauty queen.

In a time of terror alerts and scandal, reality TV provides a more plausible escape than sitcoms or other scripted programming. Even though certain premises may be set up, there is still a sense of unpredictability when it comes to these shows. After all, these still are real people who are put in surreal situations. They are more relatable to the public than uber-celebrities like Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, who are far more glamorized and idolized for being superior human beings.

Although I doubt that shows like "The Simple Life" and "Newlyweds" will have a shelf life longer than three or four seasons, you can be certain that the producers of these shows will milk them for everything they're worth - and continue feeding us with more of this curious guilty pleasure.

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## SPORTS

## Kingsmen basketball in 1st place

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The CLU men's basketball team (14-3, 5-1) had a victorious week in sports, tearing down a tie between four teams to only two and then taking the top spot in the SCIAC.

The Kingsmen's winning tiebreaker against Pomona-Pitzer, now with a record of 11-6, 4-2, was played in front of a packed house on Saturday, Jan. 31. The two teams were neck and neck throughout the game, but the Kingsmen were able to pull off the win against Sagehens, beating them 62-60.

Senior Zareh Avedian had 17 points for the team, along with four assists, three blocks, and a team high of six rebounds. Junior Ron Russ also added 14 points to the scoreboard. Junior Matt Adame and senior Ryan Hodges both scored 11 points for the team.

Many students also came out to support the team on Wednesday, Jan. 28, when the Kingsmen played the Claremont Stags (8-9, 4-2). After a hard fight, the Kingsmen were triumphant, defeating the Stags, 72-69.

The coaches are proud of the way the boys played against the Stags.

"We fought very hard against Claremont,

we got good scoring from our leaders, Avedian and Hodges, and excellent leadership from Adame," Head Coach Rich Rider said.

Avedian led the team in scoring against

**"We just hope to stay consistent for the rest of the season, so we can win this thing."**

Etienne Emanuel  
Senior

Claremont with 25 points and nine rebounds. Hodges and Russ were not far behind, scoring 15 points apiece. Hodges also had six boards and five assists and Adame scored six points for the team.

This was an important win for the Kingsmen as it secured their place in the conference. This win is what made the match-up between CLU and Pomona-Pitzer so crucial.

"The team played very well (against Claremont). Everyone gave one hundred percent and made some great plays. We just hope to stay consistent for the rest of the season, so we can win this thing," said senior Etienne Emanuel.



Photograph by Todd Kugler

Junior Matt Adame focuses on the ball and his opponent while playing defense against the Claremont Stags on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004.

## Midseason struggle for Regals basketball



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Senior Julie Cichon charges past the La Verne defender at the top of the key in attempts to find an open shot.

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's basketball game on Friday, Jan. 30, turned into a nailbiter as the Regals (6-10, 3-3) went into double overtime with Pomona-Pitzer (7-10, 4-2).

The Regals let their 12-point lead dwindle in the last 15 minutes of the game, resulting in a 62-62 tie that sent them to their first overtime. Both teams then scored nine points, which put them into their second OT. Pomona's Alana Casner's 10 free throws helped keep the Regals at arms length, but CLU fell short of the win, 89-81.

Julie Cichon led the team with 17 points, three blocks and three steals. Alex Mallen had 16 points, seven rebounds, 12 assists. Katy Svenningsen led the team with 12 boards.

The Regals took on SCIAC leader La

Verne, now 12-5, 5-1, on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The student body came out to cheer on the Regals, but despite their effort the Regals lost to La Verne, 70-77. The Regals briefly made a comeback, getting within three points of the Leopards, but that was as close as they got.

Alex Mallen scored 17 points and had six assists. Lauren Stroot had a double double, scoring 17 points and having 10 rebounds, and Julie Cichon scored 15 points and had seven rebounds. Katy Svenningsen had 12 rebounds, seven of which were offensive.

The team knows what they have to do in order to beat the Leopards next time.

"I see a huge game at their place (on Feb. 20). We just need to make a few adjustments. We can definitely take that game," said Head Coach Kristy Hopkins.

The Regals have two home games this week, Thursday at 7 p.m. against UC Santa Cruz and Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Cal Tech.

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# Alumni relive glory days at CLU

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

Some of California Lutheran University's alumni baseball players reunited to play against each other and the university's current baseball team Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004. The alumni vs. alumni game ended 7-4 and the current baseball team beat the alumni in the second game, 11-1.

"It was a good turnout for the alumni game, and it was a good tuneup for Cal Lu's season opener this weekend in Palo Alto, Calif.," Coach Marty Slimak said. "A lot of the alumni from the early '90s, the '70s, 2001, 2002 and 2003 came out and supported us."

Slimak said that Jason Hirsh, Jim Harrison and Taylor Slimak, who came back for Saturday's game, still play professional baseball.

Rick Haynes said he never thought he would return to CLU and play baseball. He played baseball for California Lutheran College, and Saturday marked his third alumni game. He now plays in the National Adult Baseball Association, which is for 40-year-olds and over.

"It's a fantastic feeling to come back here and play baseball," said Haynes.

Haynes found out about the alumni game three years ago when he was searching the Internet and saw a pop-up for CLU baseball's Club '99 and the team's Web page. He sent an e-mail to Slimak, introducing himself, saying what year he played and that he would like to join Club '99.

"Some divine power was behind me being here now," Haynes said. "I stood out in center field and cried like a baby. It's something special for me to be here. Marty and Donna [Slimak] are two special people in my life."



One of California Lutheran University's current baseball players dives into second base in an attempt to avoid being tagged out by a CLU alumnus at the game on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004.

Haynes said that his fondest memories at CLU were beating UCLA and the camaraderie with those whom he was associated with on the baseball team. He also said that nobody "won" the first game; rather, one team scored more than the other.

"The alumni team I was on got hot and hit a couple of home runs," Haynes said. "We came from behind to score more than the other team. It was just a bunch of guys getting together and playing a game they love."

Marco Marquez pitched for CLU in 1997 and said that he still plays baseball. He said that the first game was good and that meeting a bunch of good friends on the team is his fondest memory at CLU.

"It was good to listen to all the stories, reminisce and talk about the playing years,"

Marquez said.

"It was nice just to see all the old guys," said Steve Fjeldseth, who graduated in 1998 with a degree in business marketing and pitched for CLU for four years.

Saturday marked Fjeldseth's fifth alumni baseball game. Fjeldseth also said that the camaraderie is his fondest memory of CLU.

The alumni game gave sophomore Matthew Hirsh and seniors Mike Kaczowka and Ed Edsall a chance to see former teammates.

"It was a good warm-up for the upcoming season," said Hirsh, who pitched against his brother. "It was good to pitch against people I used to play [with]."

"It was fun, and it was good playing

**"I stood out in center field and cried like a baby. It's something special for me to be here."**

Rick Haynes  
CLU Alumnus

[against] all of them," Edsall said. "I played with some of them as a freshman and a sophomore."

"It was pretty good," Kaczowka said of playing some of CLU's alumni. "Ed [Edsall] and I hadn't seen some of those guys in three years."

## Men's tennis needs more preparation

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University men's tennis team (0-1), one of the higher nationally ranked teams on campus, began the season away with a 0-7 loss against the NCAA Division I opponent, Cal Poly Mustangs (5-2), on Sunday, Feb. 1, in San Luis Obispo.

With the addition of three new players to the starting roster this year, the team seemed to be up to caliber with the Division I team, but the results showed differently.

The Kingsmen lost all singles matches and were swept in all three doubles matches.

"I just feel that this was our first match this year and I think that we weren't really mentally prepared for this situation, but I know that when we get back in the roll of things we will be able to compete against a strong team such as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo," junior Quinn Caldaron said.

"It was a little rough being that it was my first match at a college level, and making the transition between high school and college is something I am going to have to get used to," freshman

Ben Staley said.

Staley, playing at the No. 6 singles position on the team is the only freshman on the starting roster this year.

The coaches have much to say about the team's performance. Scott Christie, assistant coach for the Kingsmen tennis

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Quinn Caldaron  
Junior

program, said that the team battled very competitively.

"The team looked a little rusty from the semester without extended play, but we are going to be ready for our first conference match on Friday against Pomona-Pitzer at their home courts. There is no doubt that we will be ready for them," Christie said.

The CLU men's tennis team will be playing away against Pomona-Pitzer on Friday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m., beginning another year of SCIAC tennis.

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# Presidential primaries take center stage

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

The presidential primaries are underway. Former Governor of Vermont Howard Dean and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry have become the two candidates that the media are focusing on.

There are also several other candidates running in the state primaries, including Wesley Clark, John Edwards, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton.

Joseph Lieberman withdrew from the presidential race after losing the primary election in Delaware.

Dean was expected by many to be the top contender for the 2004 presidential election. Instead, it was Kerry who gained momentum last week, winning primary elections in Arizona, Delaware, Mississippi, New Mexico and North Dakota. To date, Kerry has won seven of the first nine states contested.

Clark won the state of Oklahoma while Edwards drew a victory in South Carolina.

Kerry's recent wins came as no surprise

to Clark University graduate student and Kerry campaign volunteer Jason Foreman, who describes Kerry as very intelligent and engaging.

"The first time I met him was before he was officially running for president, but everyone still knew that he was going to. He seemed like a president at the time. He had a presence to him," Foreman said.

The race for the Democratic nomination is intensifying, as the Dean campaign is rumored to be running out of monetary support to keep going. Dean said that he will drop out of the presidential race if he fails to win the state of Wisconsin on Feb. 17.

Meanwhile, Clark and Edwards have decided not to campaign for the contests in Michigan, Maine, and Washington. Both candidates have decided to campaign in the southern region of the United States. Clark is taking a bus tour through the state of Tennessee while Edwards is focusing on a trip from Memphis to Virginia.

According to exit polls conducted after the Iowa caucus, many Americans are leaning more toward Kerry because they feel he is a

stronger contender against current President George W. Bush. Many of those polled seemed to be displeased with President Bush and feel that he should not be re-elected.

**"The first time I met him ... [Kerry] seemed like a president ..."**

**Jason Foreman**  
Kerry campaign volunteer

The current delegate count is Kerry, 260; Dean, 121; Edwards, 102; Clark, 81; Sharpton, 6 and Kucinich with 2. In order to win the nomination, one must obtain a total of 2,162 votes.

The next Democratic caucus will be held on Feb. 14 in Nevada, and the next primary election will take place Feb. 17 in Wisconsin. That election is crucial for the Dean campaign, as it may decide if he continues to pursue the

nomination.

"I would like to see Kerry for President and Edwards for V.P. Kerry has lots of experience in domestic affairs and as a Vietnam war hero. Edwards is young and enthusiastic. He reminds me of Bill Clinton. Most of all, his message is a positive one," President of College Democrats at CLU Saul Aguilar said.

"I find it funny that everyone is making such a big deal about the Democratic candidates when it doesn't matter because Bush is going to win anyway," CLU sophomore and Republican Davey Harding said.

President Bush's campaign is also in full swing. The campaign is focusing on registering up to 3,000,000 new Republican voters before the election and also on fund raising.

President Bush's main focus for his re-election platform is strengthening the military to fight terrorism, reinforcing homeland security and making his proposed tax cuts permanent.

"I think we have put enough money into the military when we are cutting from things like education," said CLU junior Madeline Stacy on President Bush's re-election platform.

# KCLU news director wins big at Golden Mikes

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

KCLU News Director Lance Orozco was the top radio winner at the 54th annual Golden Mike awards, where he received a record 10 awards. That is more than any other station in the Southern California market for the third year in a row.

The Golden Mikes, radio's equivalent to the Emmys, honor local broadcasters for news excellence. Since his addition to KCLU in March 2001, Orozco has received 25 awards.

Orozco was honored for "Best News Special," "Best Feature News Series," "Best Individual Writing," "Best News Feature," "Best Sports Feature," "Best Use Of Spot Sound," "Best News Reporting," "Best Entertainment Reporting," "Best Hard News Series Reporting" and "Best Original News Commentary."

"[Orozco's] awards are great for the station. They bring statewide recognition to KCLU and National Public Radio, which is so often overlooked by commercial media. Now all of the stations know who we are," said KCLU General Manager Mary Olson.

"When I arrived three years ago, we didn't even have a news department," Orozco said. "Since that time, we have become known in the news world as a station with a solid commitment to good journalism, and that reinforces our reputation and credibility as a news source."

Orozco, who is the radio station's news department director, completes the four-person team at KCLU, which includes

Program Director Jim Rondeau, Director of Member Services Katie Hodgson and Olson.

**"I have never worked at a place where I get so much community response. People listen and people care; that's the way it should be."**

**Lance Orozco**  
KCLU news director

"Lance is one of my three superstars, and I am incredibly proud of him. I am not only happy for him professionally, but personally as well," Olson said.

Orozco, a graduate of USC's Annenberg School of Journalism, has had an extensive 20-year career in the Southern California broadcast market, covering news and weather at KCBS-TV, KEYT-TV (Channel 3) in Santa Barbara and most recently at KNBC-TV, where he wrote news for anchors such as Paul Moyer.

"That is what drew me here to KCLU. I missed doing on-air stuff," Orozco said. "What was refreshing was the opportunity to go out and cover the news for the community. Stations should be responsible to the community they serve, and most stations no longer do that."

"I have never worked in a place where I get so much community response. People listen and people care; that's the way it should be."

That's what makes it fun," Orozco said.

In days when radio is, more often than not, computer-run, Orozco and his team pride themselves on their connection to the community.

"We serve the nearly 60,000 people who listen to us each week, by telling them about things that matter in their lives like what to do

and where to go for information during the recent fires, or how the state budget crisis is affecting Ventura County," Orozco said. "We are basically a very effective use of radio frequency."

Interested students can locate Orozco and KCLU on 88.3 FM in Ventura County or 102.3 FM in Santa Barbara.



Photograph by Stephanie Shaker

*KCLU News Director Lance Orozco adjusts the studio soundboard.*



## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
february 11

### Sexual Responsibility Week

ASCLU Executive Cabinet Elections  
SUB  
All Day

Worship  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

Kingsmen Basketball vs. University of  
La Verne  
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7:30 p.m.

Lord of Life Church Council Meeting  
Chapel Lounge  
7:30 p.m.

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Common Ground  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.

**thursday**  
february 12

"Make Some Noise" Hunger  
Awareness Dinner  
Nelson Room  
5:30 p.m.

College Democrats Meeting  
Nygreen 2  
7 p.m.

Intramural Indoor Soccer  
Gym  
9 p.m.

The NEED  
SUB  
10 p.m.

Intramural Softball Rosters Due  
SUB  
by 11 p.m.

**friday**  
february 13

Friday Eucharist  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

Club LU: Bottle of the Sexes  
SUB  
9 p.m.

**sunday**  
february 15

Lord of Life Worship Service  
Chapel  
6:15

Intramural Indoor Soccer  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**monday**  
february 16

### College Democrats - Activism Week

ASCLU-G Senote Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

ASCLU-G RHA Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

**tuesday**  
february 17

Regal's Basketball vs. Occidental  
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# Spring career workshops scheduled

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University Career Services will be offering a series of career workshops this semester. The workshops will cover a variety of subjects from resume writing to interview skills.

There will be five workshops over the course of the semester. Each workshop is free to students and alumni and lasts one and a half hours. The workshops are led by CLU's Director of Career Services Cindy Lewis and Career Counselor Cynthia Smith.

"The workshops are geared toward all levels. Whether you're a freshman or a graduate with 10 years experience, the content will be relevant," Lewis said.

The workshops will be kicked off with "Discover Your Career Options," in which students can learn about choosing the right major for the careers they want. It will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, and again on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

"Discover Your Career Options" is ideal for those students who have not yet decided on a career path," Lewis said.

**"The workshops are geared toward all levels. Whether you're a freshman or a graduate ... the content will be relevant."**

Cindy Lewis  
Director of Career Services



Photograph by Dan Norton

*CLU Director of Career Services Cindy Lewis introduces the guests at the Careers in Communication Speaker Panel.*

Workshops will be held in the Nelson Room at 5:30 p.m. on their respective dates.

The other workshops being offered are "Resume Writing" on Wednesday, Feb. 11; "Proactive Job Search" on Thursday, Feb. 19; "Interviewing for Offers" on Tuesday, March 2 (held in Overton Hall); and "Salary Negotiations" on Thursday, March 4.

"Anyone graduating should take as many as they can," Lewis said. "Any student that attended all of the seminars would be in great shape."

"I think it's a great opportunity to start planning for the future," junior Jenny Pauley said.

According to Career Services, many CLU juniors and seniors do not have a resume, and many more are unsure what career they would like to go into, despite the resources available on campus. It is for this reason that the workshops were developed.

"[The workshops] are a nice way to present information that we typically go over in individual counseling sessions to larger groups of people," Smith said.

In addition to the workshops, Career Services is holding a Career Expo on Wednesday, March 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Quad.

"We encourage students and alumni to take advantage of these resources," Smith said.

For students who wish to register for any of these workshops, e-mail Cynthia Smith at [csmith@clunet.edu](mailto:csmith@clunet.edu). Include name, desired workshop, major, anticipated graduation date, a phone number and e-mail address. Or, call Career Services at 493-3200.

## Call for senior Commencement Speakers!

The Student Life Committee is looking for seniors to submit a Commencement speech of two pages or four minutes of speaking time with the idea of highlighting what makes California Lutheran University worthwhile and unique.

All submissions must be turned in to Leah Herner at [herner@clunet.edu](mailto:herner@clunet.edu) by March 1.

Selected students will perform for the Student Life Committee and the committee will then decide on who will speak at Commencement.

## Students prepare for ASCLU Executive Cabinet elections

By Ashley George  
STAFF WRITER

The ASCLU-G has announced that it will be holding elections for Executive Cabinet officers on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and Thursday, Feb. 19. Students who wish to cast their vote may do so in the SUB.

The ASCLU-G is composed of an Executive Cabinet, a Senate, and a Programs Board. However, elections for the Senate and the Programs Board will not take place at this time.

"[Executive Cabinet officers] have to attend monthly meetings with each member of their cabinet," said ASCLU-G President Robert Boland.

In addition, officers must meet weekly with the committee that they are in charge of (either the Senate or the Programs Board) and with Director of Student Affairs Michael Fuller.

According to an informational packet distributed by the ASCLU-G, the Executive Cabinet provides leadership to assure the execution and implementation of the policies and programs performed by the other branches [of the ASCLU-G], as well as formally representing the interests of the students.

"One of the most important characteristics of a candidate is patience. There is always something that needs to be done,"

**"One of the most important characteristics of a candidate is patience."**

Robert Boland  
ASCLU-G President

Boland said.

Students who are interested in running for an Executive Cabinet position must write a statement of candidacy and must attend a mandatory meeting on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. in the SUB.

At the meeting, all prospective candidates will receive a handout detailing campaign policies.

Campaigning will commence on Feb. 10 following the meeting.

Prior to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, candidates may only campaign verbally. Candidates who fail to observe this rule may be disqualified.

Candidates may display posters in the cafeteria, in the corridor between the Caf and the old snack shop, and in residence halls.

Any students with questions regarding the election, may contact Boland at (805) 241-2272.



# Students participate in Leadership Institute

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Student Programs held its eighth annual Leadership Institute on Saturday, Feb. 7, entitled "Mmm...Mmm Good." The event offered students various workshops to attend throughout the day.

The morning began with a keynote presentation by author and CLU School of Education professor Laurel Schmidt. She discussed Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences and defined each of the nine different intelligences.

**"Good leaders, like good friends, make a vision for us. They inspire us."**

Melissa Maxwell-Doherty  
Pastor

The intelligences, according to Gardner's theory, are existential, kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, logic, musical, naturalistic, verbal and visual. Schmidt also went on to discuss the importance of motivation and how people should make an inventory of their strengths, weaknesses and talents.

"You need to look at your motivation and ask where it is coming from," Schmidt said.

The first session of the day, called "Setting the Table," offered various workshops that students could choose to attend. Each workshop lasted 50 minutes.

All of the workshops were led by staff members and current CLU students. They included such topics as "Who's Renting Space

in Your Skull?," "Servitude Leadership," "A Journey into Journaling," "Christian Leadership," "Saying Yes and Saying No: Finding Your Voice for Leadership" and "One Shockingly Refreshing Intelligence."

In "One Shockingly Refreshing Intelligence," Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty discussed the importance of emotional intelligence, relationship management, self-management and social awareness. She stressed the idea of being able to manage one's emotional life without letting it completely take over. Maxwell-Doherty also talked about the qualities that make a good leader.

"Good leaders, like good friends, make a vision for us. They inspire us," Maxwell-Doherty said.

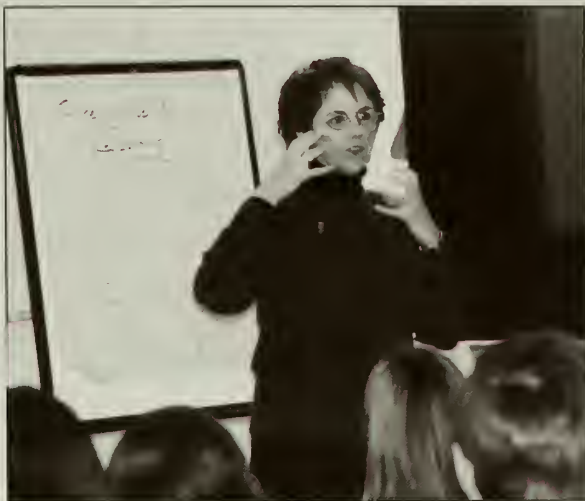
The second session, "Gathering the Ingredients," introduced workshops like "Avoiding Stereotypes" and "Let's Get Personal," in which students took a personality assessment to learn more about themselves.

Other workshops were related to career success, as well as how to motivate others while keeping oneself motivated at the same time.

In "What's in it for me? Motivating a Team," Director of Residence Life Angela Naginey and Area Residence Coordinator Christine Paul showed students new and different ways to motivate and keep a team successful.

The roundtable discussions gave students a chance to talk about the importance of time management, overcoming burnout, being in a sophomore slump and what to do after graduation.

In "Overcoming Burnout," Pastor Scott Maxwell-Doherty, sophomore Rachel Pensack-Rinehart and junior Dave Sundby talked about taking time out and realizing what one's priorities in order to avoid mental and physical exhaustion.



Photograph by Marybel Lopez

CLU School of Education Professor Laurel Schmidt discusses correlations between intelligence and leadership in her lecture last week.

The final session, "Serving the Meal," focused on developing marketing skills, building a leadership portfolio, better presenting oneself through speaking skills and dealing with money.

In "Big Bucks...No Whammy!," Director of Student Programs Robby Larson showed students how to responsibly manage their money. Larson explained the importance of making out a budget and sticking to it.

"Be your own person and don't follow the crowd," Larson said.

The day ended with Schmidt reiterating Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences, as well as talking to the students about what they had learned and how they would apply it to their everyday life.

"It was different than last year's. The range of topics they presented on was needed for the students. For those students already in leadership, it let them expand on it. For the new students, it helped them build a foundation on leadership," sophomore Kurt Sanders said.

## Security Alert: Break-ins continue

By Klay Peterson  
CLU security release

Between the hours of 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, an unknown suspect(s) broke into three vehicles parked behind Mogen Hall and stole stereo speakers, compact discs, CD players and a cell phone. One of the vehicles was forcibly entered, and two of the vehicles were unlocked.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department

has advised California Lutheran University that it has received reports of similar vehicle burglaries throughout the city in recent weeks.

Students are cautioned to keep their vehicles locked and to safeguard personal property in the trunk or out of view.

Faculty members and students with any information about these thefts or the identification of the suspects, are encouraged to contact Campus Security at x3208.

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# What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



Katie Pfeiffer, psychology, 2004

"Going out for my boyfriend's and my best friend's birthday. We're going out to dinner."



Jeremy Pool, communication, 2006

"Celebrating my birthday, since it's the day after."



Annie Knutzen, psychology, 2006

"No plans yet. I haven't thought about it yet. I was actually in 'Victoria's Secret' and it reminded me of it."



Jennifer Main, communication, 2007

"Going out with the girls."



Sarah Hauer, biology, 2006

"I'll be sorting the Valentine's Day packages in the mail center."



Iver Meldahl, political science, 2005

"I couldn't care less about Valentine's Day. I don't have bitterness towards it because I got dumped on Valentine's Day; it just doesn't mean anything to me."



Adam Jussel, business, 2005

"Going to San Diego to see my family."



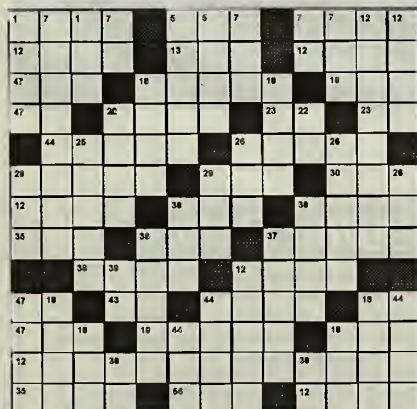
Josie Franciose, communication, 2006

"I'm either going back to Salt Lake or back to Newport. I haven't decided yet."

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## This week's crossword puzzle

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- 1 Ripped
- 3 Wager
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- 14 Rescue
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- 18 Number
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- 21 200 (Roman)
- 23 Right (abbr.)
- 24 Wailing noise
- 26 Deep hole
- 28 Jeans
- 29 Also
- 30 Garden implement
- 32 Freedom
- 33 Jogged
- 34 Mend
- 35 Direction (abbr.)
- 36 Hat
- 37 Undressed
- 38 Prune
- 40 Uttered

## 41 Midwestern state (abbr.)

- 43 I had (contraction)
- 44 Is feeling bad (pl.)
- 45 U.S. territory (abbr.)
- 47 Owns
- 49 Roof overhangs
- 51 Brewed drink
- 52 Question
- 55 No votes
- 56 Surprise
- 57 Table scraps

## DOWN

- 1 Tropical plant
- 2 Abroad
- 3 Free
- 4 Edward's nickname
- 5 Slender wooden stick
- 6 Dash
- 7 Indicates three (pref.)
- 8 Bone
- 9 Large vessel
- 10 Forever
- 11 Lease
- 16 Stalk
- 17 Reverberation of sound
- 20 Great lake

## 22 Western state (abbr.)

- 25 Insert
- 26 Prisoner (slang)
- 27 Piece of glass
- 28 River in Scotland
- 29 Spout
- 31 Finish
- 33 Male sheep
- 34 Raised platform
- 36 Apple drink
- 37 Tropical Amer. tree
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- 41 Below the knee
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## FEATURES

## Communication panel stresses internships, optimism

By Jimmy Fox  
STAFF WRITER

"Get an internship." That phrase was the reoccurring theme throughout the second annual Careers in Communications Speakers Panel held in the Nelson Room on Feb. 11.

The goal of the panel discussion was for those who have pursued careers in the entertainment industry to teach communication majors how to succeed in the industry. Approximately 40 students attended the event, and the panel gave them advice that was simple and direct.

"You have to do an internship," said Tom Helmer, a former San Diego sports anchor. "A lot of people show up and say they want to be on-air, but after experiencing the internship they decide they would rather be a producer or writer in some other area of production."

During his portion of the panel discussion, Helmer went on to explain that in the entertainment business an internship is not only a foot in the door but serves as an audition with that company.

"Anyone that is worth their weight in salt, wants to be a sponge and keeps their mouth



Photograph by Dan Norton.

Matt Nasby, a 2002 CLU graduate, speaks of his success as a disc jockey for Star 106.9 in Palm Springs, Calif.

shut, will usually be offered a job by the station they intern for," he said.

Another one of the panel's speakers, Adam Cohen, a producer and head director of "The Simple Life," starring Paris Hilton, dispelled any preconceived notions college students may have about internships.

"An internship is not what you think it is. Some people think to themselves, 'I'm going

to do an internship at MTV and hang out with Kid Rock all day.' You're like, 'where are all the parties at?' And then you're not on any of the lists to go to those parties. What you're really doing is sitting in a room somewhere logging tapes," he said.

Though the work is not glamorous and often the intern feels unappreciated (considering most entertainment internships are unpaid),

Cohen said that internships, in the end, still prove to be an invaluable experience.

"It's who you meet and who you know, it's not about the work, it's the relationships you build while you're there because they could be the ones to give you your first real job," he said.

Failure and rejection should be expected, because the business is highly competitive.

"You're going to get a lot of no's before you get that one yes," said Matt Nasby, a 2002 graduate of California Lutheran University. Since graduating nearly two years ago, Nasby has sustained a successful run as a radio jock for Star 106.9 in Palm Springs, Calif. He is thankful he has been given the opportunity of getting paid to do what he loves, admitting that the road to success in this business had its bumps.

"I didn't hear back from 13 different radio stations before I got my first gig. Once you get that job the best advice I can give anybody is to always be on time and take the initiative to learn something new every day. If you show the people you work for that you really want to be there, they will really want you there," Nasby said.

## "Butterfly Effect" is original and action packed

By Yuridia Perez  
STAFF WRITER

The storyline will make you think twice; "Butterfly Effect" is surely on its way to becoming a top new release. Starring actor Ashton Kutcher, known for MTV's television show "Punk'd," played Evan Treborn. Kutcher's costars with Amy Smart (Kayleigh Miller) from "The '70s" and "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!" and Ethan Suplee (Thumper) from "Remember the Titans."

When Evan thinks that his unusual blackouts have ceased, after seven years of dealing with them as a child, he is reminded once more of the pain and suffering they once caused him. This trauma begins moments after Evan reads an old journal entry that he has kept over the years. He does this in part to suppress his chronic blackouts. Immediately he starts reliving his once-forgotten memories one by one. He is confused and refuses to accept the idea of reliving his past.

Thus, in order to reminisce more clearly about his shady past and confirm what is reality and what is not, Evan must go back home in search of his beloved childhood friend, Kayleigh. Evan fears that she may be the only one who is able to unleash the truth about what happened years ago. Unfortunately, Evan must learn the hard way that fate people should not meddle with their fate, for repercussions can be unexpected.

The film is packed with new and awesome special effects, suspenseful scenes, horrifying flashbacks and wildly dramatic episodes. It embodies originality with an unpredictable twist. I would absolutely watch it a second time, if not a third. I recommend that everyone experiences it in order to be blown away.

## Local hair salons offer quality service

By Yuridia Perez  
STAFF WRITER

Among several hair salons located in the Thousand Oaks, Calif. area, Salon Rouge has to be one of the most modern-looking salons available, it opened this past January. Its style is far from that of most traditional salons. Located at 1341 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. #106, its comfortable couches, textured curtains and long pillars create a warm, homey feel. The co-owners, Guy and Lynn Davis, have been in the business about 10 years.

What makes their salon unique is "the roominess and space [and] also the comradery of the people who work together," Lynn Davis said.

Services include \$45 haircuts, \$50 color treatments, \$85 perms and \$90 weaves (prices vary). Extras include manicures, pedicures, eyebrow waxes and facials.

Salon Rouge is the place to go for those wanting to enjoy a peaceful afternoon.

For those desiring an all-day experience, try going to Kyle and Co. Salon and Spa. It is located at 1772 E. Avenida de los Arboles in the Oakbrook Plaza. This salon is a full-service salon and offers trendy hair styles and full massages. Haircuts start at \$25. Cut and blow-dry is \$40, color treatment is \$40 and perms are \$75 (prices vary). Services given at the full-day spa consist of massages (one hour is \$75), body waxes, aromatherapy and steam showers. Lunch is provided.

"We have a very friendly atmosphere. [We are] fairly priced—under the norm—with a lot of qualified hair dressers," said Lorin Ferreir, manager of Kyle and Co. and daughter to owner Kyle Ferreir.

For all those students who are on a budget, there is also a Supercuts hair salon which is located at 1748 N. Moorpark Rd. near Sally's Beauty Supply. Haircuts come out to \$14, shampoos are \$5, and conditioning treatments and braiding are \$10 each. Supercuts offers both stylish cuts and low prices.

"The prices and the quick service—and the high quality energy" are what sets them apart from others in the area, Shift Manager Gail Ostrander said.

## Sexual Responsibility Week

Feb. 11 at 8:30 p.m. is 'Sex in the Lounge' in the Mt. Clef Plounge and Mogan Hall Lounge.

Feb. 12 at 10 p.m. is 'The Dating Game' and 'Battle of the Sexes' at the Need.

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# FEATURES

## Students remodel dorm rooms "Trading Spaces" style

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

What happens when friendly residence hall occupants take down their fences and give neighbors free redecoration reign on any room? You get California Lutheran University's version of "Trading Spaces." The increasingly popular TLC program received its own local treatment on Jan. 30 - 31. Students were allowed

to do just about anything wanted with a \$200 budget permitted. Given 24 hours, students worked from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and resumed work early the following day, picking up from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The rooms were then revealed to their occupants.

The show was organized by Coordinator for Student Programs Nicole Hackbarth and her intern, Rachelle Berglund. According to Hackbarth, CLU's "Trading Spaces" ran relatively true to the

TLC version after which it was modeled.

"It [CLU's "Trading Spaces"] is very realistic. Each room had a designer and budget. There were budget cuts, conflict, concerns over the designs, carpenters, seamstresses [and] hosts," she said.

"It was fun and a lot of hard work. We took over and did as we pleased; we painted furniture," said sophomore participant Katy Svennungsen. "At first I didn't like it, but now I am growing accustomed to [the room]."

High levels of excitement and expectation are brewing for the show among students.

"[I'm] really excited [about the show]. I wanted to be in it, but found out too late," senior Amy LaFata said.

Before anyone jumps the gun on the redecoration bandwagon, they might want to check out the show's premiere. The premiere will be held on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Forum.

## Dinner stresses change at CLU and around the world

By Kristina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

How much leftover food gets thrown away at the caf after every meal? How much energy and water is wasted in one single California Lutheran University dorm room every day? How many students use their blue recycling bins as a trash can instead of their intended purpose?

These were some of the issues mentioned during the world hunger discussions Thursday evening, Feb. 5, in the Nelson Room. Fifty to 60 people attended the event titled "Make Some Noise," which was put together by the Community Service Center and Student Life.

CLU sophomore Rachel Pensack-Rinehart helped organize the event and come up with the dinner theme.

"This is the second year we've done it," Pensack-Rinehart said. "We wanted a way to get students to participate. We thought that this is a really friendly atmosphere to eat dinner and just have discussions at the little tables."

Four different people spoke during the dinner, reading stories about people around the world who face hunger on a day-to-day basis. Each table was assigned a table host. Between the stories, the hosts led the table in discussions about world hunger awareness and ways that the problem can be solved.

"Global hunger is kind of a passion of mine," said sophomore Karis Rower. "It's a big issue and there's a lot of things that

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Karis Rower  
Sophomore

need to be done. This is a great opportunity to learn or to discuss and get other ideas about what we can do."

Many CLU students who live on campus take all of the amenities that are available to them for granted. For example, they may disregard the never-ending hot water in the showers and the fact that students can leave the lights and television on all day and not worry about the electricity bill and the buffet-style cafeteria allows them to pile their plates with food-only to eat one bite and throw the rest away.

"I think that CLU students kind of live in a bubble, and I fall victim to that, too," Rower said. "We don't have any clue what our government is doing in other countries, and what the lives of people in the rest of the world are like."

This is why the Hunger Awareness Dinner was created.

"The ultimate goal was just to raise hunger awareness. I think as Americans, or as anyone human, we keep hunger so far away, and we try to hide it. We don't think that it is here when it really



Photograph by Todd Kugler

*Students enjoy the meal provided at the Hunger Awareness Dinner.*

is a problem and it isn't new," Pensack-Rinehart said.

Coordinator for Community Service Angela Rowley also helped organize the event and was pleased by who attended.

"I think it was very successful, and I was very appreciative of the faculty and administration that attended because they added a lot to the student comments. They were all able to talk and people left feeling that they could make a difference by talking and spreading the word," Rowley said.

The event encouraged participants to fast for 24 hours, beginning after the dinner.

"The 30 Hour Famine organization always has their big event of a 30-hour-famine around this time," Pensack-Rinehart said. "We've used their resources and their website quite a bit, so we encourage a 24-hour famine, but some people do 30 hours."

Along with paper fliers with quotes from disadvantaged people from around the world, at every plate there was a button with the statistic: "More than 800 million people in the world go hungry."

For more information about hunger awareness at CLU, contact the CLU Community Service Center at x3981 or email them at [esc.clunet.edu](mailto:esc.clunet.edu).

## Valentine's Day Shopping tips

Tips are compiled by Farima Nojumi.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and if you are like every other person around, shopping can be stressful and very chaotic. There are many ideas to keep in mind when taking that first step. Remember these tips to make your life easier and your shopping experience as delightful as possible.

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# OPINION

## Vote and aim for the head



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."  
—Samuel Johnson

"I expected to find the weapons," President Bush said during an Oval office interview last week. That sounds like a clear admission of defeat. Perhaps waving a white flag would have been better for his re-election campaign.

Bush's statement reminds me of Richard Milhous Nixon. He never expected to get

caught either. Ron Ziegler couldn't have been more surprised when the Great Hammer of Defeat came down in the hot summer of 1974. Ziegler once called Watergate a "third-rate burglary" and he managed to outlast Spiro Agnew and avoid prison. Ari Fleischer had it easy compared to Scott McLellan who will probably have to lie straight-faced as often as Ziegler did.

The job of press secretary has never been easy, but some had it better than others. It's unlikely that Pierre Salinger, press secretary to John F. Kennedy, ever had a bad day. Kennedy wasn't a liar and he had a pool instead of a press center. When Nixon arrived, he filled the pool with cement and built the press center on top of it. But on quiet days a visitor with the right kind of ears can still hear the ghostly echoes of Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe running around, laughing and snorting cocaine.

Nixon was a Monster, but he improved U.S. relations with China and helped pass the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. And that is the

point of this rambling missive Dear Reader, we have the right to vote.

Register to vote early. Contact members of the Republican or Democratic Club on campus for help. Or register online at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html>. And once registered, remember to vote! The most patriotic thing you can do this year is vote. Putting an American flag sticker on your SUV is not being patriotic — you cannot support your ideals while driving. Yellow nbbons do not help the troops in Afghanistan or Iraq. Patriotic symbols do not change policy.

Henry Louis Mencken, one of the greatest political commentators and newspapermen ever, once said, "The only good bureaucrat is one with a pistol at his head. Put it in his hand and it's good-by to the Bill of Rights." When we don't vote, we voluntarily give up our right to self-government — we remove the pistol from the politician's head and put it in his hand.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo Staff and CLU,

In the latest print of the Echo, Feb. 4, I realized there was something missing. Oh yes, any print about the Spring women's teams, for example, the women's softball team had an alumni game the same day as the baseball team, yet not one word was printed about it. Do I dare say that is offensive? Every athlete, male or female, works extremely hard at this school to do well in academics and on the field, court etc.

Why can't each team get the same coverage? There isn't less competitiveness in women's sports, so why should we cheat our student athletes in the one paper that this school can fill on brag about its accomplishments.

Do you realize the women's softball team is the only team this year to defend a SCIAC title? But yet, I am willing to bet not everyone knows that. CLU has a women's dive program this year with an

amazing chance to do some great things, but where are the stories?

Tennis is another example, continually I see women's articles short and sweet, with the exception of women's basketball maybe; and that is awesome for them! However, what makes basketball any different from softball? Or tennis, or track for that matter?

I am not preaching for feminism or anything that drastic, I just think it is time to level the playing field and extend congratulations to all the teams, male and female because each deserves some ink and works extremely hard to succeed.

Monica Schallert  
Sophomore  
Regal Softball Team Member

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Echo:

I read with interest Brett Rowland's commentary about the de facto censorship practiced by CBS in its decisions regarding what messages and images were permitted to be televised during the recent airing of the Super Bowl. I am familiar with network's stonewall against allowing to be shown a (paid) 30-second spot concerning the Bush trillion-dollar deficit and pondering its fiscal impact on future generations of Americans (a sobering thought, indeed).

It is not only incomprehensible but inexcusable and intolerable for a communications medium to ban from the public airways a thought-provoking message while simultaneously fostering the culture of tasteless sexism that promoted the half-time flashing of an entertainer's body part. It has occurred to more than one American that deliberately not censoring a bare breast at half time (CBS management is reported to have approved this in advance!) may have been a deliberate attempt to distract attention from a much more important issue — the censorship of thoughts and ideas. As Americans, we should expect and demand better than this!

Harry Domicone  
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# OPINION

## Jackson gives viewers an eyeful

By Brandee Tecson  
COLUMNIST

First, it was the kiss seen around the world: Briney Spears, the reigning Princess of Pop, and her idol, Madonna, swapping an open-mouthed kiss at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards last August. Christina Aguilera was also involved in the menage a trois. The public display was a source of scandal for several weeks after the incident as Spears' representatives stepped in to do damage control on their client's tarnished "good-girl" image.

However, not to be upstaged, Spears' ex-boyfriend, Justin Timberlake, shocked almost 90 million viewers when he exposed Janet Jackson's right breast during the Super Bowl halftime show on Feb. 1. It was the most watched Super Bowl halftime show in history.

At the end of their duet together, while Timberlake crooned, "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song," he snatched off part of Jackson's bustier on stage, revealing her breast clad in a "sun-shaped nipple shield." In a flash, the lights went out, leaving millions of viewers wondering if they actually saw her breast. Well, truth is, they did.

Immediately, the Federal Communications Commission was flooded with a slew of complaints regarding the exposure. Meanwhile, Timberlake and Jackson apologized for the stunt, claiming it was the result of a "wardrobe malfunction."

However, Timberlake said in an interview to "Access Hollywood" right after the performance, "Hey, man, we love giving you all something to talk about."

Jackson immediately denied that the incident was intentional. Well, let the he-said, she-said rebuttals begin.

MTV, who produced the halftime show, claimed that they had no knowledge of Jackson's intentions. "The tearing of Janet Jackson's costume was unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional and was inconsistent with assurances we had about the content of the performance."

A few days later, Jackson confirmed those reports by issuing a statement of her own, claiming full responsibility for the indecent exposure.

"I am really sorry if I offended anyone. That was truly not my intention," Jackson said in a video apology that was released to the media on Feb. 4. "MTV, CBS and the NFL had no knowledge of this whatsoever, and, unfortunately, the whole thing went wrong in the end."

Despite apologies, the NFL has said that it is unlikely that MTV will produce the halftime show again.

Jackson's spokeswoman said that a red lace bra was supposed to remain in tact when Timberlake tore off her outer clothing. But questions still remain about Jackson's intent.

As a result of the one second flash, the FCC has launched a full-blown investigation into whether the show violated decency laws or not. If fined, each CBS station could pay fines of up to \$27,500 each, with the total fine reaching into the millions.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell called the act a "classless, crass and deplorable stunt."

Federal indecency rules bar the broadcast of obscene material and limit the airing of material that "contains sexual or excretory references in a patently offensive manner" to late-night hours when children are less likely to be watching.

In addition, CBS said it will institute a video delay system to "avoid any recurrence"

**"I doubt that exposing herself in such a tasteless display that could forever tarnish her image ... was her objective."**

Brandee Tecson  
Junior

of similar incidents at the Grammy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 8. Janet is just the latest Jackson to be thrown into a full-blown media scandal. Her brother, Michael, is currently facing several charges of child molestation. So the question is, "why did Janet do it?"

Some speculate that the incident was intended to throw Jackson back into the spotlight, after taking a two-year hiatus. Her last album, "All For You," was released in 2001. Ironically enough, her new single "Just a Little While" was released to radio only a few days before the Super Bowl. Her new album "Damita Jo" is set for a spring release.

Others believe Jackson needed to do something huge to take the spotlight off of her brother Michael, who has been the focus of a media circus.

However, according to a technician who attended one of the final rehearsals, Jackson did intend to have some sort of clothing on underneath the rip-away bustier.

David Spear, a consultant for the company hired by MTV to produce pyrotechnics during halftime, said that Timberlake practiced removing Jackson's jacket, not exposing her breast, in rehearsals before Sunday's game.

"That's not how it was rehearsed," Spear

said. "It was clear that night there was going to be one scene where he would remove her jacket. The clear assumption was that she would have something on underneath."

Truth be told, many people aren't buying it and say the singer apologized just to save face. Director Spike Lee has publicly criticized Jackson of her surprise breast-bearing incident, citing it as a "new low" of attention getting antics by entertainers.

Lee, who spoke at Kent State University in Ohio on Feb. 3, said "there has been a decline in artistry," and nowadays, entertainers "have to do something extra" in order to maintain popularity."

"What's gonna be next?" Lee asked. "It's getting crazy, and it's all down to money. Money and fame."

So what's the real story? Did Jackson intentionally flash millions just to boost record sales? Perhaps. Was there really a "wardrobe malfunction?" Could be.

At this point, Jackson has fessed up and taken responsibility of the crass act, which I do believe went farther than originally intended. While Jackson did want to get the public's attention, I doubt that exposing herself in such a tasteless display that could forever tarnish her image and risk losing a substantial fan base was her objective.

Whatever the case may be, Jackson is again in the public eye. Her halftime show flash has become the most searched image in Internet history. Her popularity, or rather, notoriety has gotten people talking about the singer once again.

Nice job, Janet. I guess any publicity is good publicity.

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## SPORTS

## Kingsmen back in four-way tie

By Tawny Ingwaldson  
SPORTS EDITOR

Closing out the week with one win and one loss, the California Lutheran men's basketball team is once again involved in a four-way tie for first place in the SCIAC.

The Kingsmen traveled to Occidental College (13-6, 6-2), Wednesday, Feb. 4, only to come home defeated, 62-57.

The Kingsmen's foul trouble gave Occidental a good lead as they made 20 of their 26 free throw attempts. CLU made 11 of their 17 attempts at the line.

The victory for Occidental was detrimental to the Kingsmen's lead in the SCIAC. "We'd be alone at first place if we hadn't have lost," said junior Ron Russ.

"We went (to Occidental) with low energy. We were coming off an up week, and I think that was a key factor in our loss," said Head Coach Rich Rider. "We are a team that has to play with a high

energy level to be successful."

Senior Zareh Avedian was CLU's top scorer with 15 points, nine rebounds. Russ followed closely with 14 points. Junior Ryan Hodges had 11 points, six rebounds. The high scoring game against University of the Redlands (11-8, 3-5), Saturday, Feb. 7, kept the Kingsmen's home game winning streak at 11-0.

"We worked on getting our bench involved again," said Rider. "We are going to take advantage of our depth."

Avedian had a season high, 48 points, to land CLU their 115-107 win over the Bulldogs. He pulled down 15 rebounds, giving him a double double.

Avedian's previous game high was 31 points against University of Mary earlier this season. He now holds the team's season high scoring record, passing Ryan Hodges's 43 points.

Junior Matt McCann also posted a double double with 17 points and ten rebounds. Russ scored 20 points.

The loss against Occidental and victory over the Redlands has puts the Kingsmen among three other first place hopefuls.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Pomona-Pitzer, Occidental and CLU are all starting the week off with a 6-2 record. The Kingsmen host league opponent La Verne, Wednesday, Feb. 11., and need the win to keep them in the running.

"Against La Verne, we need to be mentally prepared and fired up with no holding back," Avedian said.

"They are excellent shooters. I think it will come down to our energy level again," Rider said.

Although the Leopards are not fighting for first, they still pose a threat to CLU. In the match-up between La Verne and front-runner Pomona-Pitzer, the Leopards slipped by with a 90-84 win.

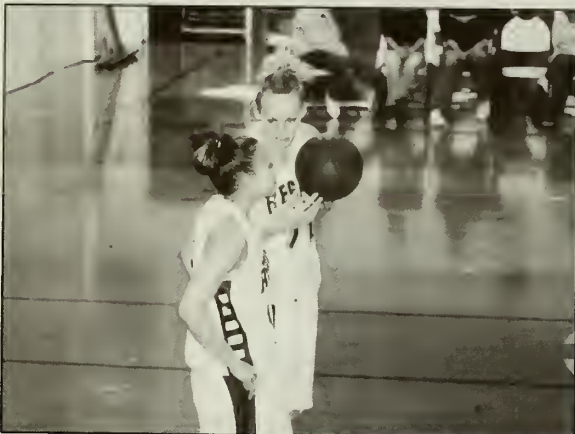
"They showed they can be a number one team," Russ said. "Every game is important from here on out."



Photograph by Marybel Lopez

Zareh Avedian looks down court for open teammates before passing the ball.

## Regals win three straight games



Photograph by Dan Norton

Senior Julie Cichon talks with teammate about how to get the ball down court during last week's basketball game.

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The Regals basketball team defeated Caltech on Friday, Feb. 6, 82-13, and has won three straight. Sophomore forward Katy Svennunesen contributed a double double leading the Regals in Friday's win scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, the Regals took revenge, defeating UC Santa Cruz 84-70.

"They beat us in double overtime Dec. 2, so for us, this was a big game," said senior forward Julie Cichon.

Junior guard Valerie Pina distributed 10 assists and scored 18 points, leading the Regals against the Slugs.

"We played a little bit more zone defense in this game, but I think our team focus and intensity got us through this game," Cichon said.

"One of our goals this year was to not lose to the same team twice, so we were all focused for this one," said Head Coach Kristy Hopkins.

"I think our team focus and intensity got us through this game."

Julie Cichon  
Senior

The 70-68 win over the Whittier Poets Wednesday, Feb. 4, was a close but important conference victory for the Regals.

"Some of us were tired from last week, so it was important for us to keep our focus," said sophomore guard Alex Mallen.

Sophomore Lauren Stroot led the Regals in scoring with 28 points, while Mallen had 14 points of her own.

With these three wins, the Regals improve to 9-10 overall and 5-3 in conference, placing them third in SCIAC. The Regals will face the first place Claremont Stags (16-3, 7-1) Tuesday, Feb. 10, at home.

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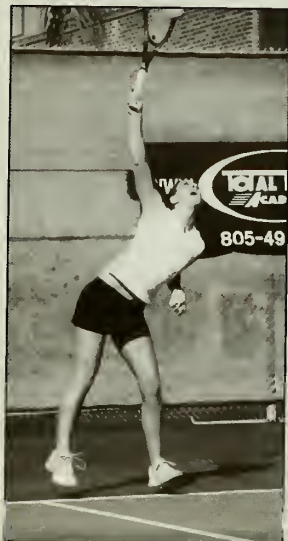
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# Regals tennis beats former champs

"it is too soon to be celebrating since we just finished our first week of a hard 12 weeks ahead of us."

Nancy Garrison  
Head Coach



Photograph courtesy of Kyle Laubach

Junior Jen Honsen hopes for no return as she puts all her strength into her serve.



Photograph courtesy of Todd Kieffer

Senior Becco Hunau rushes across court to return the volley. Hunau won both her singles and doubles matches against Westmont College.

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran Regals tennis team began the season hosting and upsetting the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens (0-1, 0-1) who are the current no. 7 team in the country.

The Regals (2-0, 1-0) came short of winning the SCIAC championship last year to the Sagehens by a small edge, but the 7-2 victory was a change in the plans for the Sagehens. Also, the Regals played the Westmont College Warriors, 1-2 overall, on Feb. 7, and were triumphant by defeating the NAIA team by a score of 8-1.

Number one singles, Becca Hunau, defeated her opponent 3-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Number one doubles Becca Hunau and Jen Hansen defeated their opponents, 8-5.

The only win for the Warriors was against No. two singles Hansen.

"I thought we did very well together as a team. Tennis is an individual sport, but we brought the team feeling to the matches. I am very happy for the team and also I am excited about our first and second consecutive win," senior Stephanie Perkins said.

Another player for the Regals who had an enthusiastic outlook about the way the season is going so far is junior Lisa Novajowsky.

"We have a lot of depth this year and it is a definite possibility that we will take the SCIAC championship this year. We need to keep playing like we are at the moment

and keep training to stay at this level," Novajowsky said.

Head Coach Nancy Garrison was impressed with the matches that were played this last weekend.

"I am very excited for the team this year. I honestly think that this is the best prepared tennis team that CLU has had in the last 10 years. This definitely showed against Pomona and Westmont, but it is too soon to be celebrating since we just finished our first week of a hard 12 weeks ahead of us," Garrison said.

The Regals will be playing away against the University of Redlands Bulldogs on Saturday, Feb. 14, for the second match of SCIAC conference.

## Baseball leaves with a win at Menlo Tourney

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen baseball team kicked off the season with a 2-1 loss.

Despite the loss, it was an exciting weekend for the baseball team as they traveled to their first tournament at Menlo in Atherton, Calif.

The Menlo Tournament is an annual event. The Kingsmen had some tough competition during the three days of the competition. Their first game was on Friday, Feb. 6 against Willamette, previously 1-0.

The Kingsmen were neck-and-neck until the Bearcats scored a run in the ninth inning, beating the Kingsmen 3-2. This was the first game of the season for both teams. Junior catcher Mike Cerda smashed his first career home run.

Junior pitcher Juan Vargas went 4.2 scoreless innings and scattered five hits. Junior pitcher Doug Carnett pitched four relief innings and gave up the winning three runs.

The Kingsmen played Westmont, then 1-5, on Saturday, Feb. 7.

It was a close game until the seventh

inning, when the Kingsmen took off on a scoring spree, ending the game 12-3.

Junior shortstop Clay Alarcon had four hits and a pair of RBIs. Junior second baseman Danny Chapparo went two for four with four runs batted in. Junior pitcher Dominick Marci threw six innings, gave up only three runs on seven hits and struck out four to seal the win.

The Kingsmen then took on the host of the tournament, Menlo, on Sunday, Feb. 8.

The Kingsmen, now 1-2, and the Oaks, 1-2, were close throughout the game, but Menlo came out with the win, beating the Kingsmen 5-4.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Hirsh pitched 6.1 innings, gave up ten hits and the five winning runs. Chapparo and junior Chris Gosney each had doubles. Senior first baseman Mike Kaczowka had two hits and an RBI.

"The team played well this weekend. It was a good experience for all of us. We found out what we need to work on and got the losses out of the way because we don't plan on losing again," Marci said.

The Kingsmen will be traveling to Arizona this weekend to take part in the Arizona Desert Classic.

## Kingsmen tennis wins league opener

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

For the start of SCIAC conference play, the no. 12-ranked California Lutheran Kingsmen tennis team (1-1, 1-0) faced the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens (0-1, 0-1) on Friday, Feb. 6.

The Kingsmen, coming from a loss last weekend to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, were able to obtain their first win with a score of 5-2.

California Lutheran University won the No. 2 and 3 doubles matches to win the doubles point.

The only two losses for the team were no. 1 and 2 singles.

"This was a really important game for us as a team, and we really came up strong. Everybody played to their full potential and we can be proud of ourselves. It's only our first SCIAC game and we need to maintain our level of play to win the SCIAC championship this year," sophomore Karlo Arapovich said.

Arapovich, the No. 5 singles on the roster, was a starting freshman last year for the Kingsmen in their top nationally ranked team.

Other players on the team also had a view on how things are going so far for the Kingsmen.

**"Everybody played to their full potential and we can be proud of ourselves."**

Karlo Arapovich  
Sophomore

"Pomona is a good team, but we still have to face two bigger teams in this conference, Redlands (1-2, 1-0) and Claremont (1-2, 1-0), which can give us trouble in for the SCIAC championship," junior co-captain Quinn Caldaron said.

Caldaron, who is a nationally ranked player, has significantly helped the Kingsmen tennis team in past seasons.

Coach Mike Gennette was impressed by the team's camaraderie.

"The cohesion in the team is the best I've seen in my 10 years coaching at CLU. These guys are working with the team mentality and that is a terrific attitude. Bonding is a primary key in a teams success," Gennette said.

The next game for CLU is against the Westmont College Warriors, who will host the Kingsmen on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Montecito, Calif.

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at [www.clunet.edu/echo](http://www.clunet.edu/echo)



## Sports Round-up

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

## Lacrosse

The newly formed California Lutheran University lacrosse team made university history last week when it took to the field to face off against Occidental.

The Knights lost 16-1 to Occidental. The landslide victory was due in part to early injuries. Junior Chris Brumble was unconscious for 15 seconds and left the field in an ambulance. Doctors later said that Brumble suffered from a mild concussion. Senior RJ Key pulled his shoulder and was forced to leave the game early. Key and Brumble will both be returning to the field for the next game.

"Our main goals for the season is to improve individually and to increase people's interest on the CLU campus," co-captain Brumble said.

Freshman Steven Page scored the team's only point.

## Rugby

It was a huge upset for the California Lutheran University's rugby team, which played against Claremont on Saturday, Feb. 7.

They fought long and hard, but were blown out by the Stags 41-0.

"We hope as the season progresses that we begin to understand the game even more. We need to condition and work hard. We also hope that more people will come out and support us," said Nate Fall, an ARC and CLU alumnus.

Great effort was put forth by senior Jeremy Soiland, junior Micah Hamilton and freshman Ryan Smith.

All of the players played extremely hard against Claremont and demonstrated great leadership skills.

## Track and Field

Track and field had an open meet on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Cal State Northridge.

An open meet means that any athlete can come out and compete in his or her specialized events. The only athletes from CLU were the throwers. All the throwers improved their distances from last season. Each one increased in distance by at least two yards.

"This year we really want to step it up, especially for the seniors," sophomore Adrian Cruz said.

## Kingsmen golf places third at tournament

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University golf team placed third out of six teams at the Redlands Best Ball tournament.

First place went to the University of Redlands, second place went to the University of La Veme, Pomona-Pitzer finished fourth and Claremont College finished fifth.

According to Head Coach Jeff Lindgren, each team at the Best Ball tournament consists of six players who are divided into pairs. The pairs are awarded the best (lowest) score for each hole, meaning that if one player gets the ball in the hole in five strokes and the other in four, the four is recorded instead of the five.

The exception was Occidental, which did not have the six players to get a team score.

The tournament does not count in CLU's standings, as it is a non-conference tournament.

"It's not really a pressure tournament," Lindgren said. "They can go out there and enjoy the course."

CLU's three pairs consisted of senior Jordan Silvertrust and sophomore Peder Nyhus, junior Jason Poyser and freshman Christian Colunga, and freshman Nick Vemer and Brian Stanley. Silvertrust and Nyhus finished the 72-par PGA of Southern California course at 70. Poyser and Colunga scored 73 and Vemer and Stanley scored 74.

"It seemed there's a lot of new talent. It should be a pretty competitive league this year."

Jeff Lindgren  
Head Coach

The course is located in Beaumont, Calif., which is situated between Redlands and Palm Springs.

"I had a good time," Vemer said. "It was a good preseason tournament. It was good keeping in there with Redlands and La Veme. I'm just excited to get started and get into the conference matches."

"It was a really good way to start the season," Colunga said. "It was a little breezy, so the wind was kind of a factor, but it was nice. I did okay and my partners did well."

Colunga said that the wind blew at 15-20 mph.

"It was a great start for our team," Lindgren said. "A lot of teams played their new members so they can get experience," he said. "It seemed there's a lot of new talent. It should be a pretty competitive league this year, I think. As far as new talent, I think we are pretty good; we have a great balance of kids who are returning and are new."



Nate Fall avoids being tackled as he attempts to dodge the next opponent in sight. Photograph by Kyle Peterson

## This Week In Sports

Today

7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. La Verna

Men's Basketball @ Caltech

Women's tennis @ Redlands

Men's Tennis @ Westmont

Baseball @ Arizona Tournament

Thursday

12:30 p.m.

Men's Golf vs. Whittier  
(@Sterling Mills)

Sunday

1 p.m.

Lacrosse vs. Hayward

12:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. UC Santa Cruz

Baseball @ George Fox

Friday

1:30 p.m.

Satball vs. Vanguard (OH)

Baseball @ Arizona Tournament

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No Sports

Baseball @ Arizona Tournament

Women's Basketball @ Redlands

Tuesday

7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Occidental

Saturday

9:30 a.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Redlands

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CLU Cheerleading Team!



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# Students issue statements of candidacy



**Valerie Vallejos**

I, Valerie Vallejos, am running for the position of Programs Board director. I have been in ASCLU-G and Programs Board for one year. I have gained a great deal of knowledge about how Programs Board should be handled as a result. I plan on continuing those Club Lu programs that have been a success in the past as well as working with the rest of Programs Board to implement new programs. I want to give students that are not in Programs Board the opportunity to share and give ideas about the events that they would enjoy going to.



**Sarah Gray**

Few people derive joy from a rousing Senate meeting. I do! Because of that enthusiasm, along with my dedication and skills, I am confident that I can lead Senate to an excellent year. My experience has allowed me to master the workings of ASCLU Senate, and I hope to use that knowledge and expand on it so as to benefit incoming senators and the greater student body. Senate is a very dynamic board, requiring a dynamic leader — I am that leader. In life some things are black and white ... make this decision *Gray*! Vote Sarah Gray for Senate director.



**Jason Soyster**

My name is Jason Soyster and I want nothing else than to be your next ASCLU president. But why should you vote for me? Aren't I just another self-serving, resume building, Student Life insider? No. In addition to my involvement with ASCLU, I also dedicate huge amounts of time supporting North Campus, the drama department, and Residence Life. Still not convinced? Let my work speak for itself:

- '02-'03 Sophomore senator
- '03-'04 Senate director
- "Now is the Time" campaign speaker
- Featured in six drama productions
- Ambassador's Circle member
- Omicron Delta Kappa member

On Feb. 18 and 19 vote Soyster for president.



**Rachel Pensack-Rinehart**

I'm a sophomore at the Lu. Already I've seen it grow — I've seen wrestling at Club Lu (Red vs. Blue), I've seen the water polo team go. I've supported the Capital Campaign; With students, I've served the homeless; I've experienced academic gain; I've seen a smashed car, I confess. I've witnessed the naming of Mogen Hall, I've gone to frosh orientation twice. I've been on the winning east-side for dodge ball; I've seen the students — they're oh-so-nice. To help us continue to grow, as PB director I'll do my part, So vote for me — have a heart (a sweetheart)!



**Nick Gordon**

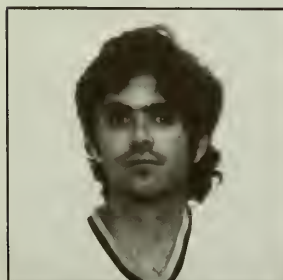
When you elect me to the position of Senate director, you can count on an ambitious, determined person who sincerely cares about making a difference. By inspiring senators to find the things about which they are passionate and encouraging them to be a catalyst for change, I feel I'll bring a fresh, invigorating attitude to the Executive Cabinet.

Having served on Senate, I have a solid working knowledge of ASCLU. Additionally, I'm serving my third year as president of the GSA, where I've been charged with leading meetings and being a point of contact and reference for the club's members.



**Courtney Parks**

I am running for president because after being involved in ASCLU-G for two years, I have found that I enjoy representing you and working with other students to make decisions that benefit you and the university. If elected, I would encourage you to feel comfortable approaching me to express your concerns so that they are heard, which is my main goal, along with working to enhance school pride and recognizing student involvement. Know that I would work hard to support and represent ASCLU-G, you and CLU in a positive way and commit myself to the responsibilities of the position.



**Jon Riley**

Election time: A time when you choose what candidate you want in office. Every year it is the same candidates with the same ideas and issues. This year, though, will be different, because a candidate known as Jon, aka Jdogg, will be running. He may not have all the flashy ideas or all the promise that the other candidates have, because Jdogg believes in a campaign where he doesn't have to win off the voters with flashy promises or a campaign that isn't for the people. This is Jdogg's promise because he likes to run his program old school and keep it real.



**Jen Ledesma**

To me, CLU's campuswide events are a large part of what makes us such a family. The community shared here through campuswide programming is one of my favorite aspects of CLU. I am running for Programs Board director because I am creative, responsible and determined; all things I trust other directors to be. With over a year of programming experience, I am confident in my ability to take over the role of PB director. My promise is to motivate next year's programmers to creatively program events that will enrich our CLU community.



# Calendar

## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
february 18

**College Democrats - Activism Week**

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Kingsmen Basketball vs. Whittier College**

Gym  
7:30 p.m.

**Lord of Life Church Council Meeting**  
Chapel Lounge  
7:30 p.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.



**thursday**  
february 19

**Hawaiian Club Meeting**  
Mogen Hall Lounge  
6 p.m.

**College Democrats Meeting**  
Nygreen 2  
7 p.m.

**Intramural Indoor Soccer**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**Intramural Softball - Mandatory Captains Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
7 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.



**friday**  
february 20

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Club LU: Club Night**  
City Nights in Camarillo  
9 p.m.

**sunday**  
february 22

**Intramural Softball**  
Varsity Softball Field  
10 a.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.



**Intramural Indoor Soccer**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**monday**  
february 23

**Black Student Union Meeting**  
Mogen Hall Lounge  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.



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\* Driver's License Number (if you have one)  
\* Your and your parent's W-2 Forms (if you have already received wages)



# Security making changes at CLU

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

"Security Alert" seems to be a common term around campus these days. Every time a crime occurs, Department of Safety and Security sends out an e-mail to all students and faculty, notifying them of what happened and who to contact if they have any information on the situation. However, California Lutheran University students weren't always receiving these e-mails prior to this year.

In years past, Security was not following the regulations of the "Clery Disclosure Act" that requires universities to make the records of campus and community crime available to anyone.

This year, the campus has a new manager of campus safety, Klay Peterson.

Peterson realized, when he came to CLU 10 months ago, that the standards were not high enough. He has worked all year to make sure that all of the "Clery Disclosure Act" is being followed. Peterson said that the requirements, which can be viewed on the Security

Web site, are not hard to follow and that the fastest way to get information out to the student body is through e-mail.

"The more information we can get out to the community, the safer we will be. Knowledge is power," Peterson said.

This increase in notification about campus crime has caused some students and faculty members to worry that the university has higher crime rates. According to Peterson, many students have inquired about the frequency of the on-campus crime reports.

According to CLU's daily security log, which can be viewed by anyone who wishes to see it, most of the crime rates are normal in comparison to last year. The only rate that is higher this year is burglary. Peterson said this is higher because of one student who was able to repeat his crime several times before he was apprehended.

To Security, the important thing now is to get CLU standards of safety information higher, and then keep them high through the security alerts.

Security has taken several steps to improve campus security. Some of these

include taking a residence hall safety survey on campus, going on night walks to evaluate campus lighting and publishing crime prevention brochures. The brochures are free to CLU students. They can be picked up in the Student Union Building, Health and Counseling Services, the Residence Life office and the Womens Resource Center.

Security has also started an on-campus escort system. There are several patrol cars around campus from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Monday through Friday, at ext. 3911. In addition, Peterson is working with the Residence Life office to put on safety and self-defense seminars. Lastly, the parking permit enforcement has helped security to identify cars and notice intruders.

However, some students are not aware of the lengths the security office has gone to keep the campus safe.

"CLU is a safe place, but I feel Security needs to step it up and report crimes to the cops," sophomore David Zacks said, unaware that the office must report all crimes on campus to the police.

Peterson said that soon the daily crime log

will be available on the Web site.

"I don't think the students are really told what Security does to keep us safe. It would be nice to know the measures they take. I think that would make more people feel safe," senior Gretchen Handloser said.

Peterson agrees.

"[Security] hasn't done enough to notify students of all that we are doing to increase safety and security on campus," Peterson said.

There are some students who are starting to notice the changes being made.

"I feel safe and I feel informed about safety measures. The e-mails they send about things that happen are very informative," sophomore Meggie Graves said.

Many students, for the most part, seem to agree.

"I feel very safe on campus no matter what time it is. I like that Security now puts out alerts and notification when something happens," junior Jason Soyster said.

Students who would like more information on what is being done to make CLU safer may contact Peterson at the Department of Campus Safety and Security at ext. 3960.

## Boston's "On Point" coming live to KCLU

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

As KCLU's newest programming addition in January 2005, WBUR's "On Point" news show, a live talk program and news-magazine, discusses national and international events, bringing further balance to local public radio in a different and provocative format.

"KCLU is one of only two California stations carrying [On Point]," said KCLU Program Director Jim Rondeau. "Because the show is done live, it is more spontaneous than our other shows and offers a different feel than other things we run."

"On Point's" main selling point is that it is the only public radio program live in the evening. Others are news-oriented, but not live," said WBUR Manager of National

Program Marketing Daron Manoogian.

"They take a story that has been in the news and dissect it with experts. Listeners are encouraged to call in and give opinions and talk to the guests, or people can log on to the website and discuss issues in the web forum," Rondeau said.

The program, which is distributed by WBUR, Boston's premiere news station, began after the September 11 crisis.

"NPR approached WBUR to help provide live coverage to their station because of the overwhelming demand for news during that time," Manoogian said. "It was supposed to last for two weeks, but WBUR decided that there was still a demand. Sept. 11 was not the end of international and world news events."

The program's host, Tom Ashbrook, provides an eclectic and interesting perspective

for live talk radio.

"[Ashbrook] has lots of experience and is well-traveled," Manoogian said. "His style is different than the usual public radio host. He really takes command of the show and focuses the conversations more than other hosts."

According to the "On Point" Web site, Ashbrook, an award-winning journalist, spent ten years as a foreign correspondent in Asia and served as deputy managing editor of the Boston Globe. He has also worked as a dynamiter in Alaska's oil fields and founded an Internet company.

"Tom really tries hard to get all of the view points on air. His No. one goal is to present the widest range of opinions," Manoogian said.

The 2-hour show, which covers the day's biggest news stories by mixing cultural topics

and the latest news developments, encourages spirited discussion and debate of relevant national and world issues.

"We decided to carry it because the show is similar to our local morning program 'Cross Talk.' It's a good balance for us. The morning programming covers local issues and the evening covers the national and international," Rondeau said.

"On Point" is a very good program," said KCLU General Manager Mary Olson. "It fits in with our mission, and it fits in with the quality of programming that we bring to our listeners. It's a great addition."

"On Point" airs on KCLU's 88.3 FM from 11 p.m.-1 a.m. PST. Students who are interested in more information may contact Jim Rondeau at ext. 3473 or visit [www.onpointradio.com](http://www.onpointradio.com).

## Sexual Responsibility Week heightens awareness

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association and Student Life helped California Lutheran University students learn ways to be sexually responsible during their annual Sexual Responsibility Week, entitled "Love Lines." Events were held throughout the week of Feb. 9-13.

The main focus was to show students how the decisions that they make can affect their future. RHA planned a number of different events throughout the week focusing on a number of different issues related to sexual responsibility.

"It definitely made an impact on people considering every time you turned around, there was some poster or picture up in relation to sexual responsibility. Although some people were making jokes about it, I bet everyone benefited from it," freshman Lizzy Cullip said.

On Tuesday, latex gloves with facts about sex were spread through various places around campus.

"The latex glove [idea] was clever, but also distracting. It brought up more jokes than actual people finding it informative," sophomore Katrina Wong said.

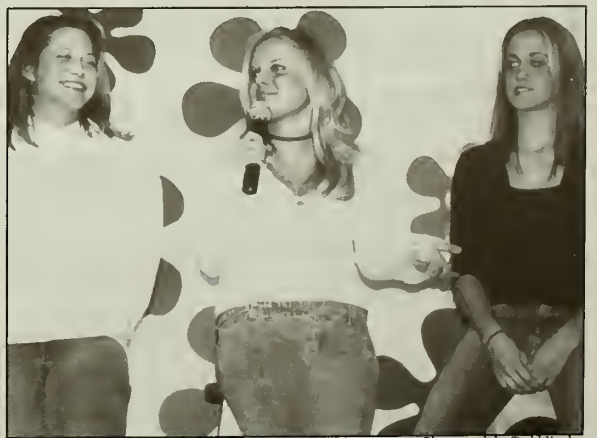
CLU Director of the dept. of safety and security Klay Peterson met with students on Tuesday in the Humanities lobby for a discussion called "Sex Lines." He talked with students about the ways in which one represents himself and how it helps people define their sexual choices and, as a result, helps reduce the possible risk of being the victim of sexual assault.

The following day, students went to the plouge and Mogen Hall lounge for "Sex in the Lounge." Students had their questions on sex and relationships answered by the department of Health and Counseling Services as well as Campus Ministries.

"I thought the promotion of abstinence was a good message, but the way they went about it was not the best. I think that saying that one's peers are being abstinent is smart, but where did they get their facts? There is no real way for us to know that it isn't completely made up because the people I know are not practicing abstinence," Wong said.

The big events of the week were "Battle of the Sexes" and "The Dating Game" at The Need. The audience was treated to free cheesecake from The Cheesecake Factory as they watched the games.

In the "Battle of the Sexes," three teams of women and three teams of men competed



Photograph by Todd Kugler

Dating Game contestants take questions from the mystery bachelor.

for a grand prize of \$500. Each team had to answer questions about sex and were eliminated if they answered incorrectly. In-between rounds of "Battle of the Sexes," senior Jimmy Fox hosted "The Dating Game."

"I found it very entertaining. There was a lot of uncalled for audience participation that added to the fun. I got to hear constant sexual innuendo while eating free cheesecake," junior Tony Chiaramonte said.



# What do you think about campus dining?



Chris Mazza, biology, 2004

"I've never seen so many nice Latinas in one place at one time."



Deanna Dean, marketing, 2004

"I like trying to guess who is walking down the stairs into the Caf. by the shape of their legs."



Johanna McDonald, sociology/religion, 2004

"If you have special nutrition needs, Martin is willing to work it out with you."



Matt Kugler, communication, 2004

"If you don't have a meal plan, it's easy to sneak through the back door."



Billy Proctor, communication, 2004

"I like Coke better than Pepsi, and they have that."



Mady Stacy, psychology, 2005

"It has an abundance of pre-made food."



Colin Cassuto, liberal studies, 2004

"The Centrum is quick and easy between classes."



Carly Sandell, liberal studies, 2005

"I really like the breakfast. The omelets and Belgian waffles are yummy."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Jimmy Fox. Photography by Bell Lopez.

## Game 'FFX-2' is time consuming but surprisingly good

By Matthew Berner  
STAFF WRITER

Few will ever forget the majestic moment in an RPG (role-playing game) that turned their video-gaming experience into something unique. Whether it was Zidane's miraculous return to Garnet after he had been presumed dead or Aeris' willingness to give up her life after you had almost taken hers, such tragic and joyful anecdotes have been the means by which the Final Fantasy franchise has become what it is today. While some things have remained consistent throughout the games, never before have any two Final Fantasies taken place in the same world. This added element has given the game a certain versatility and freedom that other Final Fantasy's are hard-pressed to match.

For those who never got around to playing the original FFX, here is your chance to understand what's going on. Pending the deliverance of Spira and the Defeat of the notorious monster known as Sin, Tidus would cease to exist. Hence the reason for a sequel. After finding a short movie sphere of what appears to be Tidus shouting for help, Yuna and her friends begin their journey. It's been two years since the destruction of Sin and the disappearance of Tidus, yet Yuna has refused to give up hope and her memory of him. Journeying as High Summoner, the player, Yuna and her party, consisting of her former guardian Rikku and new friend Pain, venture out in hopes of finding excitement, treasure and a chance to see Yuna's true love once more.

With entirely revamped battle, class and leveling systems, FFX-2 blows away

its competition as well as the hopelessly-to-complete sphere leveling found in FFX. While FFX-2 returns to the classic experience-based leveling, the actual stat manipulation is applied through the assignment of "Dress Spheres" (a.k.a. Classes). Whether carrying a colossal sword as a samurai, casting status ailments in the form of song as a songstress or equipping twin daggers and stealing from your foes as a thief, the most effective party results from intentional use of their abilities. Fortunately, for those who put forth the effort in assigning complimentary classes, the game's revised ATB (Active Time Battle) system allows for well-timed attacks to interrupt their foes. Actions also increase damage through the use of combos.

Considering the astonishing success rate of independent and completely linear Final Fantasies, the numerous changes found throughout the game surprise even me. However, based upon the decisions you make and side quests you complete, FFX-2 branches off from the conventional story structure, allowing the player to determine any of five different endings. After completing the game, a new game can be started, allowing you to keep abilities and items using the new-game plus mode (a God-send of an installment to the Final Fantasy Series).

Most surprising of all is the general tone of the game. All seriousness put aside, FFX-2 features mostly pop-style music as well as some interesting voice actors. The voice acting found throughout the game puts most others to shame, with exception of brother, assuredly the most eccentric and annoying character in existence. Yet, throughout the game, Yuna, Rikku and

Pain act their roles quite differently from what one would come to expect from the destroyers of the monster Sin. As playful as can be, the FFX-2 girls are quite often found discussing the next sphere hunt or emulating stances and routines that would be expected in a "Charlie's Angels" film.

Has the Final Fantasy franchise reached a point where the games are able to ride on the title alone? Most assuredly they could; however, never have I seen the Final Fantasy title on an undeserving game. Any who are willing to devote the 40 hours necessary to conquer an RPG will admit that the Final Fantasy series, including FFX-2, continues to raise the bar as to what the genre is capable of doing.

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## Resources for the sexually responsible CLU student

By Sierra McGuire  
STAFF WRITER

The old admonishment, "don't do it; and if you do, don't get caught," is something of the past when it comes to sexual responsibility. One issue in the past was pregnancy prevention or family planning. Today students have an array of support services focusing on sexual health and sexual responsibility.

California Lutheran University's Health and Counseling Services offers students a wide range of sexual health services and contraceptives. Confidential HIV and pregnancy tests are offered at low prices, Durex and Trojan condoms can be purchased at six for \$1, and birth control pills and the morning-after pill

are also distributed. If students want to discuss sexual issues, CLU's Health and Counseling Services can supply the answers.

"All conversations we have with students are completely confidential," said Nurse Lucille Ballard.

According to the American College Health Association, "roughly 8 out of 10 sexually active college students report that either they or their partner used contraception (birth control pills, condoms, withdrawal, or some other method) to prevent pregnancy the last time they had intercourse."

CLU's Sexual Responsibility Week was held Feb. 9-13 and offered many programs, including information on the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, appropriate relationship behavior and protection against sexual

assault. A part of CLU's Sexual Responsibility week was "Sex in the Lounge." In this open forum, students were invited to ask questions about sex and relationships of an expert from Health and Counseling Services and Campus Ministries.

"This event hopes to support some of the values of a sexually responsible college student," said Director of Health and Counseling Services Kristin McRae.

Past teachings about student sexual responsibility often didn't go any further than recommending celibacy.

Dr. Beverly Merrill Kelley lectures on sexual identity as part of her interpersonal communication course.

"In my day we didn't have co-ed living halls. We didn't even have a boy in our room,"

she said.

Sexual expression on college campuses "is becoming more open," according to the National College Health Assessment. "Not only do students appear more open in their attitudes, their behaviors are more openly varied than they once were, encompassing celibacy as well as heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual relationships."

Those who choose to be sexually active face the challenge of protecting themselves from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Events such as Sexual Responsibility Week and services such as the Health and Counseling Services are on campus to help.

## BSU celebrates Black History Month

By Yuri Perez  
STAFF WRITER

This semester, the Black Student Union has several events planned in honor of Black History Month. Each week, fliers will be posted on the doors of residence halls in tribute to individuals who have made a difference in the African community. The information on the fliers will be part of the black history super quiz that will take place today at 6 p.m. in the SUB.

The event will host two student teams going head-to-head. The winning team will then move on to compete with participating faculty and administration on Feb. 24 in the SUB. Professor Freeland, head of the political science department, will be one of faculty members supporting the black history super quiz. Other upcoming events include guest speaker Ron Paris, who will be giving a lecture on civil rights and music on Feb. 19 in the Nelson Room at 10 a.m.

A workshop titled, "I'm Black, I'm Proud, but I'm Still Angry" will be held on Feb. 25 in Mogen Hall at 5:15 p.m. The workshop is designed to help students deal with angry feelings. Also, Rhythm 101 dance lessons will be scheduled on Feb. 26 at the flag pole. The time is yet to be announced.

"[BSU offers CLU students] a chance to get together and to present their culture on campus ... to support each other [in] culturally specific fun," said Juanita Pryor Hall, adviser to the BSU and head of Multicultural and International Programs.

Approximately 35 members are in the Black Student Union, with meetings showing an average turnout of about 15-22 students.

Marcus Green, the newly elected president of the Black Student Union, said that being president is a lot of work and a challenging job, but has been good so far.

"[BSU is] a place to gain cultural awareness ... a place where students can get together. It offers an opportunity to discover different aspects of campus and helps people to not be as sheltered as before they came to CLU," Green said.

Other BSU officers include Derek Rogers, vice president; Janet Meeks, secretary and Mike Alexander, treasurer.

"[You get to] know other people in school who share the same views; it provides a sense of comfort [and] you learn new things about different people," Rogers said.

Meetings take place Mondays at 5:15 p.m. in the Mogen Hall lounge. For more information, contact Pryor Hall at x3951.

## Interview and job tips for CLU students

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

With summer four months away and a graduating class leaving sooner than that, now is a good time to brush up on job interview skills. The first thing to consider is the first impression one makes at the interview.

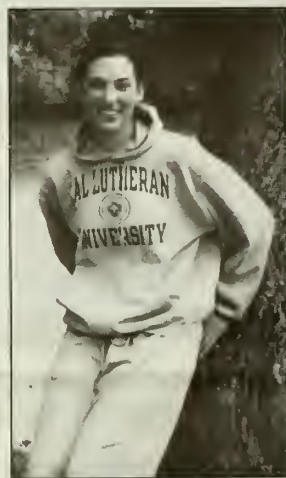
For interview clothes, Director of Career Services Cindy Lewis recommends Sears, Penny's, Ross or KOHL'S for students on a budget.

"A dark suit, collared shirt, pants or a skirt. Nice closed shoes and not too much make-up, cologne or perfume," she said. "No crazy jewelry. Take out piercings, and no loud scarfs or socks."

Other interviewing recommendations include bringing a pen.

"I can't stand it when applicants ask for a pen," said Cathryn Marchesano, assistant manager in charge of hiring at Hot Topic in the Oaks Mall. "It shows that they are completely unprepared and not really interested in the job."

Employees need to convince the interviewer that they are a good catch, advised Ron Fry in his book, "101 Great Answers to the Toughest Interview Questions." Fry recommends finding out about the company and the position to which one is applying. He also advises



Student Angela Fentiman poses in casual CLU attire and clothes that are suitable for a job interview.

prospective employees to demonstrate experience, humility and confidence. Fry recommends that job applicants avoid defensiveness, negativity toward former employers and lying on one's resume. He also recommends not asking the wrong questions and not losing focus or eye contact.

For more information, students can



Photographs by Bill Lopez.

attend "Interviewing for Offers," an hour-and-a-half long presentation in Overton Hall. The workshop will prepare students for interviews by focusing on how to handle questions and how to sell themselves. The event will also include mock interviews, career portfolios and how to close the interview. The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m.

## Dakona's "Perfect Change" is a perfect hit

By Kristina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

An album full of future modern rock hits seems to be the destiny of Dakona's first U.S. recording, "Perfect Change." The Vancouver-based band has already shown Canada it has what it takes in the music biz. Last year, the Canadian-based music magazine "Access" named Dakona fourth on the list of top 10 Canadian artists to watch and described it as a "melodic rock band with strong songs and a charismatic lead singer."

The up-and-coming band came together six years ago, beginning with cousins Ryan McAllister (lead vocals, guitars and keyboards) and John Biondolillo (drums and percussion). They teamed up with friends Shane Dueck (bass, vocals and keyboard) and Brook Winstanley (guitar). Over the next few years the foursome worked in a barn-turned-rehearsal space, where they eventually found a sound unique to them. After releasing two albums independently to rave reviews and much popularity, they began to garner a lot of interest from record companies. Eventually

they chose Maverick Recording Company. The band found magic with the help of Grammy winning producer Rob Cavallo and, after just 18 days in the studio, they nailed "Perfect Change."

Every one of the 13 songs was written or co-written by lead singer McAllister, and all are worthwhile to listen to. The only flaw is that some have the same sound and are hard to differentiate from each other. It is true that an album needs to fit into a category, but there could have been more variety.

A few tracks stand out more than the others, beginning with the song "Revelation." The song deals with asking for guidance about deciding between what one wants and what one should do. In the chorus, McAllister croons, "Gonna give it up, I think I've had enough. I'm praying for a revelation. Could you set me free, 'cause this is killing me, I'm begging for a revelation." The words are deep and meaningful, and the mix of the guitar, drums and electric guitar meshes well.

"Good (I've Got A Lot To Learn)," the first single off "Perfect Change," is one of the most upbeat tracks on the album. It is a

plea from a man to a woman to teach him what he doesn't know about love. This song is more pop-rock than the other songs on the album and is very catchy and rhythmic. "The Richest Man" and "In God's Name" both address flaws in society; economic and religious. Both successfully show Dakona's talent to combine free speech with music. "Beautiful Thing" is a softer track that displays McAllister's vocal skills in a harmonious blend with the drums and the guitar. The title track "Perfect Change" closes out the album with a slower song about not taking for granted "a beautiful place, this beautiful space, your beautiful face." The electric guitar is emphasized in this radio-friendly song, along with most of the other tracks on the album.

Overall, Dakona makes a great impression with "Perfect Change." Along with good vocal skills and talented musicians, it has strong writing. Not only that, but many of their songs are actually meaningful, which is not so common these days. With a loyal following in Canada and Seattle already, Dakona has great prospects for continued success in the near future.



# Gov't can be improved



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*"I believe that all government is evil, and that trying to improve it is largely a waste of time."*

—H.L. Mencken

The most exciting event this year is likely to be the 2004 Presidential election. From here, it looks like John Kerry will take on incumbent-President George W. Bush. It's too bad we don't have a third-party candidate

running this year to heighten the drama. But, these are strange times and anything could happen. Both Republicans and Democrats can feel the fear. Republicans know that if Bush is re-elected, Hillary Clinton will probably run in 2008.

Last week I talked to a dedicated Republican who recently donated to the Kerry campaign, because of the "brain-paralyzing prospect of Hillary Clinton in the White House." Let us explore the grim scenario of Hillary becoming the Leader of the Free World. If she were elected, it would mean that Slick Willie would become the First Gentleman of the nation.

That fact alone is enough to bring tears to the eyes of most Republicans, but it just makes me laugh. And I'm sure James Carville would descend into throes of delirium marked by fits of hyena-like cackling at the thought of Billy whooping it up with a whole new crew of White House interns. The Lincoln Bedroom would never be the same after that.

Democrats are worried that the rich-kid from Texas will have four more years to bankrupt the nation, brutalize criminals and ruin the environment. I'm worried that one day I'll begin to take Mencken seriously. But, for now, I'm young and naive and idealistic: I believe that my vote counts.

Enough about national politics. I've exhausted myself on such affairs for this week. Let me take this opportunity to encourage every CLU student to vote in the ASCLU executive cabinet elections today and tomorrow. I urge you to make your vote an informed one.

Don't let a poster or a piece of candy sway your vote. Vote for the candidate you think will do the most to improve our school. If a candidate knocks on your door with a piece of candy, ask questions! Find out how they voted on past issues of importance and how they plan to make CLU a better place for you.

Questions or comments? E-mail me at [echo@clunet.edu](mailto:echo@clunet.edu).

## New details about King of Pop



By Brandee J. Tecson  
COLUMNIST

The March 2004 issue of *Vanity Fair*, available on newsstands now, contains several radical revelations published in relation to the current molestation case against singer Michael Jackson.

One of the biggest bombshells concerns Jackson's alcohol consumption. According to the article, Jackson routinely drank wine and alcohol out of soda cans. The singer reportedly called the drink "Jesus Juice" and "Jesus Blood" to correlate with white wine and red wine.

Jackson's accuser claims that Jackson had given him wine to drink several times, including once during a flight from Florida to Los Angeles, right in front of the child's unsuspecting mother.

Jackson's former business adviser, Myung-Ho Lee, is quoted as saying all the children around Jackson knew about Jesus Juice. Jackson reportedly told them, "Jesus

drank it, so it must be good."

Maureen Orth, the article's author, brought to light several more claims against the King of Pop, including reports that the police were given drawings of Jackson's genitalia by his accuser and that the boy's younger brother witnessed some of the sexual abuse. The two were reportedly given Jesus Juice and antihistamine pills to relax them and shown pornography from the Internet and magazines. Along these lines, in an interview for "Court TV," Bill Dwaren, an investigator from the 1993 case, revealed that he found a book containing photographs of naked boys in Jackson's bedroom.

"That in itself is not illegal," Gwaren said. "But we do know that many times pedophiles use this type of material to lower the inhibitions of the child."

Orth also claimed in the article that Jackson's ex-wife Debbie Rowe is the surrogate, not biological, mother of Prince Michael I and Paris.

Compare this to earlier unconfirmed reports that Rowe was artificially inseminated and that the children are not Jackson's biological children, but rather the products of an anonymous sperm donor. Lee said that Rowe threatened to go to the press and expose Jackson's secrets unless she was paid at least \$8 million.

Rowe has yet to comment on that, and her silence seems to be fueling more speculation. Did Michael father those kids? Personally, I

find it hard to believe that a black man fathered two blond-haired, blue-eyed children.

Orth's story cites anonymous sources, and in some cases makes claims with no attribution at all. But the magazine issued a brief statement of support: "Vanity Fair stands by Maureen Orth's Michael Jackson story. The article underwent rigorous fact-checking and legal vetting, as do all Vanity Fair articles prior to publication."

In contrast, Jackson family spokesman Firpo Cart told journalists outside the Jackson clan's home in Los Angeles that the allegations in March issue were "outrageous, inaccurate and baseless."

"The family is outraged and justifiably so," he said. "We find it curious that this article appears when Michael's legal team cannot, because of a gag order, respond to this irresponsible yellow journalism."

While his legal team may not be able to respond to the new allegations, I find it curious that more personal friends and family are not speaking out publicly in defense of Jackson. Although brother Jerome, sister LaToya and several other immediate family members have vehemently said these accusations are untrue, Michael's sister Janet, who recently was thrust into her own scandal, has remained mum on the issue.

Jackson's supporters in Hollywood appear to be dwindling, as does his once-supreme fan base. For the most part, the silence in this case is deafening.

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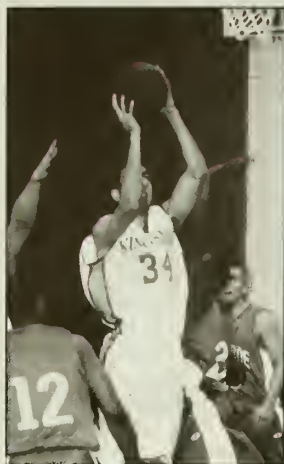
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# Week of winning puts Kingsmen on top of the league once again

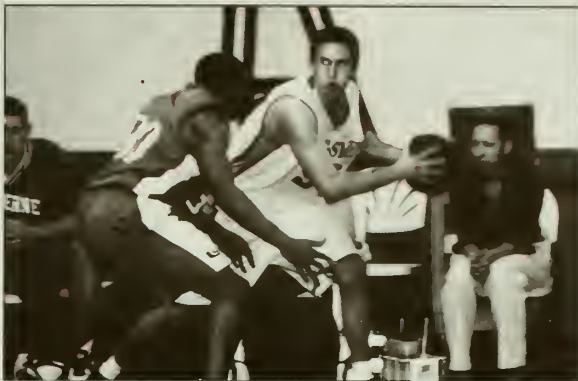


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Senior Zareh Avedian jumps over his defenders, adding two more points to the scoreboard.

By Tawny Ingwaldson  
SPORTS EDITOR

Another week of winning puts the California Lutheran University Kingsmen (17-



Photograph courtesy of Dan Norton

Looking for help, junior Ron Russ waits to find an open player down court. Russ added 11 points to the 76-70 win against the La Verne Leopards, Wednesday, Feb. 11.

4, 8-2) back on top of the league, leaving the other three contenders to battle for second.

With two more wins against the La Verne Leopards (11-10, 3-7) and the Caltech Beavers (0-20, 0-10) under their belts, the men's basketball team is proving a force to be reckoned with.

The Kingsmen hosted La Verne Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the CLU gymnasium. Although the Leopards were not in the running

for first, they still posed a threat to the team. They had previously defeated Pomona-Pitzer (14-7, 7-3), who was involved in the four-way tie for first.

"Everyone is fighting for their place in the conference," said Assistant Coach Brendan Garrett. "Everyone is trying to knock somebody off the top."

The Kingsmen had a comfortable lead in the last few minutes of play and were not wor-

ried when one of La Verne's players hit a shot at the buzzer ending the game 76-70.

The Kingsmen's six-point lead (38-32) at the half led to their victory as both teams scored 38 points in the second half.

The Kingsmen always anticipate a close game. "Any team is beatable on any given night," Garrett said.

Senior Zareh Avedian, SCIAA Athlete of the Week due to high scoring and coming in clutch against the Redlands, scored a game-high 29 points with four boards. Junior Matt McCann followed with 13 points, five rebounds. Junior Ron Russ had 11 points, and sophomore Alex Minney had a game-high nine rebounds and added nine points to the board.

Avedian made 11 of his 20 field goal attempts and he went six of eight from the free-throw line. Both McCann and Minney were five of seven at the line, and McCann was a perfect 4-4 from the floor.

Saturday, Feb. 14, was a blow-out game for the Kingsmen as they demolished the Caltech Beavers on their own turf, 92-47.

Although the Kingsmen's next opponent's, the Whittier Poets', record (11-10, 4-6) does not seem to pose a threat, the team remains focused.

"We have a lot more riding on this season than they do," said senior Logan Steinhauer. "They will spoil our season if they beat us."

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Congratulations Zareh Avedian  
SCIAA  
Player of the Week



# Regals softball leaves Vanguard with a win and loss in double-header



Photograph courtesy of Kyle Peterson

Sophomore outfielder Monica Schallert is safe at home, sliding past the Vanguard Lions' catcher.

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Regals softball team improved to 1-5 overall with a win and a loss versus the Vanguard Lions.

The Regals won the first game of Friday's double-header at home, 3-2. Senior and outfielder Carrie Mitchell had two hits and one RBI.

"The win is a huge step in the right direction for us," said Debbie Day, head coach and assistant athletics director. "We're playing against teams that are not Division III, and to be able to compete and defeat them is [a boost] to the morale of our team. I think we came out ready; our nerves were always on the edge in the first game, and that's what kept us more focused."

"I was really happy that we won at least one of our games," junior Kellie Kocher said. "Any win over an NAIA team is a great win."

The Regals lost the second game to the Lions, 3-5, despite a comeback in the later

innings.

"We were down quite a few runs in that game and we scored," Day said. "We had some people come back and hit a few runs. We just started hitting the ball better. We had very good base running, and that helped put us in scoring position."

**"It's kind of like a domino effect; when someone starts a rally, it's a lot easier for the rest of us to get going ..."**

Kellie Kocher  
Junior

"We didn't like what was going on in the game and we got pumped up," Kocher said. "It's kind of like a domino effect; when someone starts a rally, it's a lot easier for the rest of us to get going with that."

"In the first game, we came together



Photograph courtesy of Kyle Peterson

Safe at second! A Regal dives headfirst to beat the throw. The Regals softball team went 1-1 in the double header against Vanguard Friday, Feb. 13.

and played really well," said freshman outfielder Monica Schallert. "We were out there [and] we had nothing to lose. But in the second game, I think we got ourselves into a hole. We had an awesome comeback in the last two innings, and we showed some personality as a ball club. We finally realized that we needed to step it up. On the whole of the day, we stepped it up and really showed some promise for this ball club."

According to Day and Kocher, the Lions belong to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, some of whose members offer athletic scholarships.

Day and Kocher said that the experience from the first six games this season

will help the team when it faces the conference teams.

"Any time your team can come from behind and score runs, it shows a sense of spirit and a sense of fight," Day said. "We're going to need that down the road."

The team plays its first conference game of the season at home this Saturday against the University of Redlands, which, according to Day, has a good program.

"The last six games that we played and the two games we played today were against some of the hardest teams we'll play all season," Kocher said. "It helps bring us to a higher level of competition [against] the other conference teams."

## Action-packed weekend for Regals tennis team



Photograph courtesy of Stephanie Shaker

Sophomore Blair Murphy warms up during practice for the match against UC Santa Cruz.

By Sean Ruitenbergh  
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, the Regals tennis team faced a tough segment of its 12-week schedule. On February 14, they faced

the University of Redlands Bulldogs away, and on February 15, they faced the University of California Santa Cruz Banana Slugs in Thousand Oaks.

"We fought hard, but it was disappointing that they beat us. Redlands is a SCIAC team, and we want to do well in the conference this year. We know that we have a good chance to win conference," said Lisa Novajosky, who is the No. 3 singles player in the roster of the Regals this year, commenting on the 4-5 loss against the Bulldogs.

The next day, playing against the Slugs, the Regals were in control of the situation for the majority of the time. The Regals won two of the three doubles to put them ahead 2-1. The added wins by Novajosky, Blair Murphy and Stephanie Perkins gave the Regals an assured win against the Slugs.

"We are doing well so far, but we are still not playing our best, which is exciting, because when we peak, we will bulldoze teams," said Murphy, the No. 4 player for the Regals.

The final score ended 5-4 in favor of the Regals.

Head Coach Nancy Garrison was impressed with the performance of the girls this weekend. "We are a great team, but we will be an even greater team by the end of the season," Garrison said.

## Kingsmen baseball finishes 2-3 in Arizona Tournament

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen had a tough weekend as they went 2-3 in the Arizona Desert Classic in Chandler, Ariz.

The competition was difficult during the four-day tournament. The Kingsmen's first game was on Thursday, Feb. 12, against George Fox, 3-0.

The Kingsmen and the Bruins were close until four CLU errors led to five unearned runs. Three of these were scored in the fourth inning.

Freshmen Johnnie Machado had an RBI triple and scored a run. Junior pitcher Dominick Macri took the loss for the Kingsmen, giving up four runs on five hits within three innings.

"We had mental lapses. A lot of stuff happened that should have never happened. I believe that if we eliminate those mistakes, we will be fine," junior Roy Riley said.

The Kingsmen then had a double header on Friday, Feb. 13, against the Whitman Missionaries (3-2) and the Whitworth Pirates. The Kingsmen split the two games, losing to Whitman but beating Whitworth.

It was a close game between the Kingsmen and the Missionaries until the Missionaries won with a walk on two outs and bases loaded. CLU battled back in the seventh

inning, but it was too late. The Kingsmen lost 10-9.

Junior Danny Chaparro hit in the lead-off spot and reached base five times. He was five for five for the day, with a walk and a hit by the pitcher. Freshman Nathan Cusick took the loss for the Kingsmen.

The team later that day played Whitworth. The Pirates took a beating, 10-0, at the hands of the Kingsmen.

The Kingsmen had six hits, eight walks and two hit batters. Junior pitcher Juan Vargas scattered five hits and struck out 12 batters to get the win in a five-inning game.

"We hit the ball really well and made good adjustments against the slow pitching. Our defense also played really well," said Macri.

The Kingsmen then took on Pacific University (5-4) on Saturday, Feb. 14. The Kingsmen crushed Pacific, beating them 11-1. The game was shortened to only five innings due to the 10-run rule.

The Kingsmen, now 3-5 overall, took on Whitworth (5-4) on Saturday, Feb. 15. The Kingsmen were in the lead, but in the end, they couldn't come through. The Kingsmen lost to Whitworth, 9-8.

"We hit the ball really well today; the hitters came through," junior Jon Calmes said. "We still have things to work on, but it's still early in the season. There is time for us to improve, and we will."



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# Students elect '04-'05 Executive Cabinet

By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Junior Jason Soyster beat rival Courtney Parks to win the ASCLU-G presidency. Soyster won with a hefty margin over Parks in what Student Life officials are calling the largest voter turnout in ASCLU history. Soyster received 327 of the 546 total votes for ASCLU president, beating Parks by more than 100 votes.

The 546 votes account for only 28 percent of the undergraduate population, which is far from a majority, but much higher than past years. Soyster will take office next Fall, but is already working with staff members to prepare.

"The most important thing for the ASCLU president," Soyster said, "is to work behind the scenes with the Board of Regents to make student concerns heard, because [the Board of Regents] makes the big financial decisions."

Soyster said he plans to focus next year's administration on important student issues such as the North Campus and new residence hall. He plans to continue his hard work to improve the cafeteria and campus dining services in general.

Soyster said that he understands the importance of working closely with government members as well as the student body at large.

"I hope that I can keep being the productive listener I have been in the past," Soyster said.

As the ASCLU-G president, Soyster will be working closely with Sarah Gray, the newly elected senate director. Gray won with a solid margin over opponent Nick Gordon, junior Gay-Straight Alliance president and At-Large Senator. Gray could not be reached for comment by press time.

"[Gray] packs a big punch and will be a great leader," said dance and social activities coordinator Katy Wilson

**"The most important thing ... is to work behind the scenes with the Board of Regents."**

Jason Soyster  
ASCLU President-elect

In the highly contested race for Programs board director, no candidate was able to gather 50 percent of the vote needed for election on Thursday night. A run-off election between the top two candidates, Rachel Pensack-Rinehart and Jen Ledesma, was held on Friday. Pensack-Rinehart narrowly beat Ledesma, 224 to 173.

"I want to make sure the voice and concerns of the student body as a whole are recognized," Pensack-Rinehart said.

All new executive cabinet members will take office in Fall 2005.



Photograph by Stephanie Shaker

From top to bottom: Jason Soyster, Rachel Pensack-Rinehart and Sarah Gray

# Issue of same-sex marriage heating up

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

The ongoing debate in Massachusetts to allow same-sex marriages and the recent marriages in San Francisco of same-sex partners has drawn mixed emotions from people all over the country.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled nearly a month ago that couples of the same sex had the same right as heterosexuals to get married, rather than permitting them only to form civil unions.

Civil unions give couples a few of the rights to which married couples are entitled, but they do not provide federal benefits such as Social Security. As a result of the ruling, Massachusetts could be the first state in the country to allow same-sex marriages.

"As much as Massachusetts has always been a very liberal state, we've also always held a great deal of conservative and puritanical ideals. A great deal of people in this state who think huge social programs are just dandy are recoiling at the idea of gays marrying," Massachusetts resident and Clark University sophomore Matt Holmes said.

After the Massachusetts ruling, many same-sex couples around the country went to courthouses demanding to be married. They were turned away.

"All people should be able to enjoy the rights given to all and those rights should not just be limited to some," CLU

senior Saul Aguilar said.

In a controversial move, San Francisco officials allowed same-sex couples to receive marriage licenses. To date, more than 3,000 couples have been married in the San Francisco courthouse. It is the first city to openly support the marriages.

"Same-sex marriages should be allowed in San Francisco. There is such a large gay community there that it just

**"I choose to support and love everyone while living love and loving life."**

Jared Clark  
Freshman

makes sense. If two people are in love they should be able to get married regardless of their sexual orientation. Marriage laws in this country are just not equally balanced," sophomore Lyssa Jacobsen said.

Thirty-seven states have passed laws prohibiting gay marriages.

"Most people are simply afraid of same-sex marriages. Being that it is a relatively new phenomenon, it can be compared to when interracial marriages were banned — people just were not ready for change. The gay rights movement appears to be the next civil rights move-

ment for the gay community and those who feel they deserve the rights enjoyed by the rest of Americans," Aguilar said.

According to Associated Press reports, in 1975 city clerks in Arizona and Colorado gave licenses to same-sex couples that were later declared to be void.

"I feel it should be called something different. In my mind, the marriage between a man and a woman is holy. However, I feel that if they are living together, they should have the same tax benefits that married couples can have," sophomore Rebecca Toll said.

President Bush has openly declared that the recent ruling to allow same-sex marriages is "deeply troubling." Representative Carolyn Musgrave, a Republican from Colorado, is proposing a written amendment that would prohibit any state from recognizing same-sex marriages as legal. The amendment would only allow states to pass laws enabling civil unions and same-sex legal partnerships.

"I personally don't agree with same-sex marriages, but I also don't agree with decisions I make. Therefore, I choose to support and love everyone while living love and loving life because I know we are all God's loving children. I hope the U.S. can find peace in this whole issue of gay marriage," freshman Jared Clark said.

As of press time, San Francisco officials said that the licenses they have issued are legally binding. According to

the Associated Press, they have been revised to be "gender-neutral." It is still unclear as to whether or not the state will accept or void the marriages.

As a result, the city of San Francisco filed a lawsuit against the State of California on Thursday, Feb. 19. The suit is challenging the state's law that says that marriage is defined as being only between one man and one woman.

The legislature will continue its debate of the proposed amendments to ban same-sex marriages on March 11.

## Facts & Figures

° California law defines marriage as a union between man and woman.

° In the past 10 days, San Francisco has issued marriage licenses to 3,175 homosexual couples.

° Recent polls show that 50 percent of Californians oppose gay marriage.

° Currently, 37 states have laws that prohibit gay marriage.



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# Political debate includes abortion, war

By Devon Bostock  
NEWS EDITOR

A debate between the presidents of California Lutheran University's College Democrat and College Republican clubs lasted about an hour and a half each other last Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The debate between senior Saul Aguilar of the College Democrat Club and junior Brian Roberts of the College Republican Club was attended by more than 30 students and covered a range of topics from weapons of mass destruction and the war in Iraq, to abortion and same-sex marriage.

"It's great that we are getting together to discuss the issues," junior Curtis Harlow said.

Dr. Herbert Gooch, chair of the political science department, moderated the event.

Gooch opened the debate with a short discussion of the Political Science Club's goal.

"Our objective is to elicit a distinction between the two parties," Gooch said.

Each speaker was allowed to give a three-minute introduction of himself and why he picked his particular party.

"I am a republican because I won't support the democrats as long as they are pro-abortion," Roberts said.

Abortion was one of the most heavily debated issues of the evening. Both speakers

referred to it in their arguments on topics such as the death penalty and gun control.

"I am morally against abortion, but legally for it," Aguilar said. "The majority of legislators are white men, and I don't think that they should decide what a woman should do with her body."

"I am against abortion because of my morals," Roberts said. "Murder means [one has] an intent to kill. To choose abortion is to choose murder."

After the hour-long question session, the floor was opened to the audience so that members could ask each speaker questions. Many of the questions were directed at Aguilar's pro-choice stance.

"We can't impose our religious morals [regarding abortion] on others," Aguilar said.

To close the session, each speaker was asked to present the three biggest problems facing the United States. Both agreed that weapons of mass destruction and terrorism and security issues were among the most important issues to address.

Aguilar also felt that environmental issues were of prime importance, while Roberts felt that the liberal point of view itself was the biggest threat to the country.

A majority of the issues, especially abortion, were heavily debated, but both speakers agreed that they would like to see more student participation in the clubs regardless of which they chose.

"Join a club to be active [politically]," Roberts said.

Roberts said that too many people are



Dr. Herbert Gooch of the political science department introduces republican Brian Roberts (right) and democrat Saul Aguilar (left).

uninterested in politics because they haven't found an issue that is important to them.

Aguilar agreed.

"It is events such as the ones we hold that promote youth participation in politics and ultimately that is what transcends party boundaries and ideologies," he said.

The general opinion of the audience was that both Roberts and Aguilar handled the debate well.

"They both had a lot of facts and I thought they worked really well together," said senior Kelley Elias.

During the course of the semester, both clubs are planning several events. According to Aguilar, a prime focus for his club during the semester will be helping get Barbara Boxer re-elected. He is also trying to schedule a talk by a member of Congress.

"We have Jeff Gorell coming on Feb. 24 to speak — he's running for the 37th State Assembly spot — and Andy Fox and Ben Shapiro have expressed interest in coming to speak. We do have a big name that we are trying to bring in, and it's almost set in stone, but until it is, I won't disclose who it is or when they are coming," Roberts said.

Any student with questions regarding either club may contact Roberts and Aguilar at [broberts@clunet.edu](mailto:broberts@clunet.edu) and [saguilar@clunet.edu](mailto:saguilar@clunet.edu).

Students are also encouraged to come to the next meeting of the Political Science Club on Mar. 11. The meeting will feature a guest speaker from the FBI.

## "Youth participation in politics ... transcends party boundaries and ideologies."

Saul Aguilar  
College Democrat Club

## Service Day coming

By Valerie Valjejos  
STAFF WRITER

Students will volunteer their time at a number of organizations for the semiannual Service Day.

Service Day is organized by the California Lutheran University Community Service Center. It will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28.

"I've never participated before, but I'm looking forward to being in it this semester," sophomore Chris Hargrave said.

Service Day's purpose is to make students closer to the community around them through helping those in need. In the past students have volunteered their time building houses for Habitat for Humanity, made blankets for those in need and helped clean up local beaches. Many of the projects will be held off campus, but there are also projects that will be done on campus.

This year, there is a new project for students to take part in. They will be able to help participants in the Special Olympics Ice Skating Tournament that will be held at the Oxnard Skating Center.

Those students who are volunteering will be assisting with event set-up and practice. They will also be judging the competitions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I think if people knew how fun it really was, they would do it. Most people go into it

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Rosa Corral  
Sophomore

thinking it will be a lot of work, but it's actually fun," sophomore Rosa Corral said.

Some of the other projects in which students can participate include playing bingo and giving manicures at the Thousand Oaks Health Care Center, as well as painting a mural at the Gull Wings Children's Museum.

International Blankets for children is also seeking students to volunteer by making blankets for children in Africa, Mexico and Thailand. The various on-campus projects will include working at the residence halls for campus beautification and landscaping.

"I think it's been a success because students really like getting out there and doing things. It helps giving them options," said Area Residence Coordinator Angela Rowley.

Interested students should contact the Community Service Center.

## Pledge gets 401 signatures to promote respect, civility



Photograph courtesy of Multicultural Office

Pledge drive workers collect signatures to promote respect.

By Elodie Khavarani  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

In response to the racist acts that occurred on campus on Dec. 18, 2003, a total of 401 students, faculty and staff signed the "Pledge of Civility" at California Lutheran University. The pledge promises, "I pledge to act in a way that is both civil and respectful of those on campus who may

differ from me by race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or political ideology and to personally challenge anyone who engages in acts of hatred."

The Office of Multicultural and International Programs asked the campus community to sign the pledge from Feb. 9 to 13 at a booth first installed at the flagpole and then in front of the Student Union Building.



# CLU changing GPA req.'s for honors

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Beginning Fall 2004, incoming freshmen to California Lutheran University will face a tenth of a percent increase in grade point average requirements for Dean's List status and graduation with honors. These stricter standards, which have CLU professors and students alike debating the motivation behind the changes, once again brings up the topic of grade inflation.

Central to the debate are the questions: are the increases due to CLU's ongoing attempt to align itself with its peer institutions and raise the bar of academic standards/achievement? Has grading at CLU and other universities across the nation simply become too easy? Or is it a little of both?

"The change in the standards will make it a little harder for new students to graduate with honors. But these changes, which looked at the average or percentage of students on the Dean's List and graduating with honors, brings us more in alignment with other institutions, and that is where we think we should be," said Registrar Maria Kohnke.

Graduating cum laude will require a GPA increase from 3.4 to 3.5; magna cum laude from 3.6 to 3.7; and summa cum laude from 3.7 to 3.8 respectively. Dean's List GPA requirements will also increase from 3.5 to 3.6.

"The changes are not about grade inflation; it's about reevaluating the standard. Under the current standard, it is possible for a student to graduate with honors and never have made the Dean's List. That seems incongruous to me," said Dr. Beverly Kelley, professor of communication.

"It used to be truly an honor to graduate with honors," Kelley said. "We should have only one or two students graduating summa cum laude. Today we have about 30."

Dr. Michaela Reeves, a professor of history and the adviser to the Scholastic Honor Society, was the only faculty member who voted against the GPA changes.

"[The changes] will drastically cut down the number of 'summas' and keep really fine students from graduating with honors," Reeves said. "It saddens me that deserving

grades awarded were A or an A minus, according to a report in USA Today, Feb. 7, 2002.

Professor of history Dr. Paul Hanson said he believes the reevaluation to be a step in the right direction.

"The research looked at the number or percentage of students on the Dean's List or receiving honors at other institutions, and our adjustments were made to put us in compliance or agreement with our peer institutions," Hanson said. "That is not to say that CLU is exempt from grade inflation. It has affected the entire nation from grade school to undergraduate grading. Both are motivations for evaluation."

"Faculty members are to blame for grade inflation at every level. Tenure promotion and fear of punishment if standards are too rigorous are realities for some," he said. "The reevaluation is a useful first step and brings attention to an important issue."

The concern on the part of some university professors is that they will be passed over for tenure or promotion if they receive too many bad student evaluations, and therefore they may lighten their grading requirements as an incentive for students to give them positive evaluations.

"Research shows that there is no correspondence between tougher grading and low reviews. If we set the bar high enough, students will come up to it," Reeves said. "I believe most students are willing to learn and try hard. They want to be challenged."

"I think that most students are aware that these are separate issues," Hanson said. "And I don't know if students respect an easy A. I mean, do you really want an honor that is so easily achieved that it is not necessarily an achievement?"

Kim Allen, who is a junior communication and sociology double major, said, "If I thought others who received A's got them too freely, it would change the integrity of what an A means to me. I want to feel as though I really earned it."

"Sometimes I feel like professors don't grade the overall content of an assignment. Instead they focus too much on quantity of work and not quality," Allen added. "So sometimes I feel like an A at CLU isn't necessarily an A in content. In that way I think the changes in the standards are good. Maybe it will force an overall change in the curriculum."

"I think the changes in the GPA standards are strictly a public relations tactic," said CLU alumnus Jeff Young.

Young received his master of arts in education from CLU in 2003.

"Just because the academic standards will now appear higher, it does not necessarily mean they are higher. Instead, I believe we need to evaluate our motivation for the changes, as an institution and as educators," he said.

"If our motivation for presenting grades is based on what other universities are doing or a professor's tenure track, then our focus is off and there is a problem," Young said. "But if the reason for giving higher grades is based on student achievement or faculty preparation, then we are on the right track. I believe the focus should always be on the quality of education, never on the statistics."

Students who want to learn more about the changes in the GPA requirements can contact Maria Kohnke at the Office of the Registrar, 493-3105, or Provost and Dean of Faculty Dr. Pamela Jolicœur at 493-3145.

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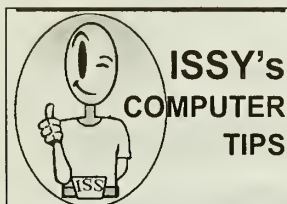
Dr. Beverly Kelley  
Professor of Communication

students won't be able to graduate with honors under the new requirements."

"Do I think there is grade inflation ... yes," Reeves said. "Some majors grade easier than others. But it seems to me that we took the easy way out by adjusting the numbers instead of examining the real root issues."

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences defines grade inflation as "an upward shift in the grade-point average without a corresponding increase in student achievement."

In 2002, the AAAS resumed the discussion about grade inflation when it disclosed a report that eight out of 10 Harvard students graduated with honors and nearly half of all



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# What do you think needs to improve on campus?



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"They need to do something about those smelly trees."



Jennifer Endres, history, 2004

"The walls are too thin in the dorms and you can hear people."



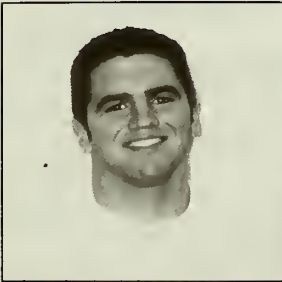
Allison Fredericksen, women studies, social science, religion, 2006

"The drama department needs an actual theater."



Pamela Kawano, criminal justice, 2004

"The Centrum needs to be open on the weekends."



Charlie Brown, sports medicine, 2006

"Lunch hours in the Caf. They stop serving hot food at 12:30 and I don't get out of class until 1:30."



David Zacks, political science, 2006

"Our campus policy on alcohol. We need to be more accepting of society's norms."



Zubi Olin, geology, 2006

"We could use a bigger library."



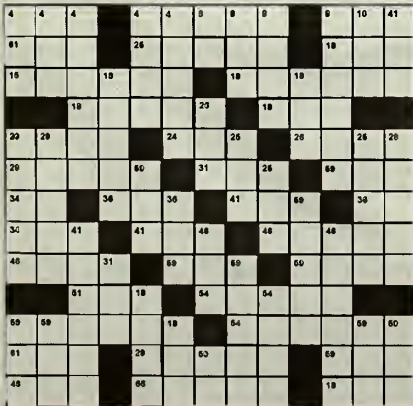
Jenny Pauley, business, 2006

"The visiting hours."

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## This week's crossword puzzle

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## ACROSS

- 1 Baglike structure
- 4 Attacking to capture
- 9 Period of time
- 12 Frozen water
- 13 Alphabetical resource
- 14 Kettle top
- 15 Indication of
- 17 Harangue
- 19 Strict
- 21 Water faucet
- 22 Sulk
- 24 Small child
- 26 Russian ruler (var)
- 29 Vert. face of stair
- 31 Car fluid
- 33 Female sheep
- 34 Midwest state (abbr.)
- 35 Male sheep
- 37 Brewed drink
- 39 Southern state (abbr.)
- 40 Males
- 42 Girl (slang)
- 44 Greek marketplace
- 46 Great lake
- 48 Green vegetable

## DOWN

- 51 Highest point
- 51 Brooks
- 53 Conform
- 55 Stemmed glass
- 58 N.Y. Indian
- 61 My gal
- 62 Unsure
- 64 Over (poetic)
- 65 Dined
- 66 Assent
- 67 Direction (abbr.)
- 1 Sidney's nickname
- 2 High card
- 3 Poll
- 4 Place
- 5 Inactive
- 6 Edward's nickname
- 7 Obtain
- 8 Leave a room
- 9 Expire
- 10 Abolish
- 11 Summer drink
- 16 Fur mammal
- 18 Rent

- 20 Egg
- 22 Best
- 23 Houston sports team member
- 25 Make lace
- 27 Conscious
- 28 Rest
- 30 Tattered cloth
- 32 Ocean
- 36 Atlas item
- 38 Christian love
- 41 Agile
- 43 Meadow
- 45 Choice
- 47 Snake-like fish
- 49 Sun-dried brick
- 52 Sparta queen
- 54 Poker stake
- 55 Girls org (abbr.)
- 56 Grain
- 57 Cloth
- 59 Lair
- 60 Plural of is
- 63 Old Testament city

The Community Service Center is sponsoring this year's Spring Semester Service day on Saturday, Feb. 28. There are artistic, social and athletic projects that are on and off campus. Project sign up sheets are on the Service day table in the SUB. Questions? Contact the Community Service Center at x 3981.



# FEATURES

## Best Buddies brings happiness to all who participate

By Yuridia Perez  
STAFF WRITER

Best Buddies, which strives to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-on-one friendships and integrated employment, may not exist much longer at California Lutheran University. Lack of student interest may cause the club, which operates in conjunction with the Community Service Center, to fold.

Head of the Community Service Center Angela Rowley is the faculty adviser in charge of the CLU's Best Buddies chapter.

Students who want to participate in this one-on-one friendship must make a year-long commitment.

CLU participants in Best Buddies are required to make a phone call to their buddy at least once a week and meet with their buddy twice a month. Group activities can also be planned; past events have included going out bowling or to the movies.

Freshman Dawn Redman, who has been involved in the program since her sophomore year in high school, is now co-president of the organization, along with sophomore Karis Rower.

"Getting to know adults with disabilities [is my favorite part of the club] because in my everyday life you don't get to know that many people with disabilities. It's kind of fun being around a relaxed, easy-going person," said Rower.

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Dawn Redman  
Freshman

Best Buddies gives students an opportunity to be more aware about individuals with intellectual disabilities. However, the chapter on campus may not exist much longer.

"[The] program might be discontinued due to [the] lack of interest," said Rower. "People don't know about the program [or

they're] not interested right now."

Anthony K. Shriver founded the organization in 1989 and is still its president and chair.

Best Buddies is an international club, existing in countries such as Egypt, Greece, Colombia and Canada. Participants usually include but are not limited to middle school, high school and college students.

Students who would like to learn more about the Best Buddies organization and the chapter on campus can attend one of the meetings in Overton Hall, held the first Sunday of every month at 8 p.m. For additional information, contact Angela Rowley at extension 3680. Students can also visit the Best Buddies International website at [www.bestbuddies.org](http://www.bestbuddies.org).

## "Take Back the Night" planned during Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, California Lutheran University will be holding "Take Back the Night" on April 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Take Back the Night" is a candlelight vigil held for the purposes of speaking out against sexual assault and domestic violence," said Michelle Taylor, CLU student and major proponent of this year's event.

Initially formed in England, "Take Back

the Night" was created in response to raise awareness for sexual assault. The event moved to the United States in 1978 and has been spreading rapidly, both at home and abroad, since its inception.

"Take Back the Night" has been held once before at CLU in 2000. Former student Lindsey Heitmann, who will help again this year, organized the previous "Take Back the Night."

The first hour of the event will be held in Kingsmen Park and will include information tables run by Planned Parenthood, the Coalition and other service-oriented organi-

zations within the community. The following hour and a half will include poetry readings and a march around CLU.

"This is a community event; everyone is welcome and encouraged to come," Taylor said.

Other events have been planned to coincide with Sexual Assault Awareness Month. On April 14, a class called "Assertiveness and Self-Defense" will be held free of charge. Sign ups for the event will begin on March 24 at the Women's Resource Center.

April 21 will be "Denim Day" in Ventura County. The event, inspired by a universally unpopular rape trial verdict, encourages sup-

porters to wear denim to spread awareness of sexual assault.

National statistics on rape show that 98 percent of all sexual assault survivors will never see their attacker caught, tried and imprisoned. One out of every three women will be the victim of sexual assault during her lifetime.

For more information on "Take Back the Night" or any of the other events planned for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, contact Kateri Alexander, x3345 or Michelle Taylor at 807-0793.

## Second annual "New Music Concert" impresses

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University celebrated the second annual "New Music Concert." Titled "13 Themes for a Triskaidekaphobic," it included performances by students, faculty members and community members.

This year, composer, trumpet player, conductor and private music instructor Jeff Kiaser was the guest of honor. The theme of the concert was dedicated to Kaiser's mentors, Arnold Schoenberg and Laurence Sterne.

According to the program, "the score is set-up in thirteen different modules. Each of these modules has one or more sections that are assigned to one of four instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion) and can be played individually, in combination with the sections in that module, or even in combination with other modules and sections. This allows for quite a bit of variety."

The first half of the concert featured student and teacher performances. The second half featured improvised performances.

According to the program, "individuals will be called upon to create solos on the spot. These solos (and duets, trios, quartets) act as transitions to other modules, and also influences the decision as to what module the conductor chooses by deciding on complimenting or contrasting the improvised solo material."

Many of the performers enjoyed the



Photograph by Claire Hillard

Jim Connolly plays the Acoustic Bass during the performance.

spontaneity of the concert.

"The concert was really out there and may have seemed wired but it was a great experience," said junior Jon Oakman.

Not only did the performers seem to enjoy the concert, the audience did as well.

"I wasn't going to go, but I am glad I came, because I got to hear how creative this University really is," said freshman Megan Green.

## Don't Drink and Drive

By Farima Nojumi  
STAFF WRITER

If you've been drinking during an evening with your friends, call Safe Rides to get home safely. Safe Rides is a program that provides free, safe, and confidential rides home for students. They run on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. They provide rides from Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks. Safe Rides are only \$1 with a CLU ID. Call 805-495-3500.

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According to statistics:

- Accidents caused by drinking and driving are a leading cause of death.
- Traffic crashes are the greatest single cause of death for every age from six through 28. Almost half of these crashes

are alcohol-related. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1995)

- Approximately 240,000 to 360,000 of the nation's 12 million current undergraduates will ultimately die from alcohol-related causes — more than the number that will get MAs or PhDs combined. (Eigen, 1991)

- It is estimated that the 2.2 million drunk driving crashes each year victimize 1.3 million innocent people who are injured or have their vehicles damaged.

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# Students find relaxation at yoga classes

By Tina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

At the end of a long day, full of stressful classes, tedious work or grueling homework, many students look for some form of relaxation. Working out, watching television, hanging out with friends or sleeping have been the usual options that California Lutheran University students have had in the past. This spring semester, however, students can add yoga to that list. CLU senior Etienne Emanuel teaches the class, which is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Nygreen 1.

Emanuel's mother taught and practiced yoga while he grew up. At the age of 19 he got a job at the Ojai Valley Inn doing one-on-one instruction. After doing yoga instruction for an R.A. program at CLU, Nate Fall suggested a yoga class taught to all students. Emanuel happily agreed to the idea and is impressed with the feedback he has received so far.

"The classes are going really well," Emanuel said. "I'm impressed by the turnout and people seem to be coming back and enjoying themselves. I think it's a good match for my teaching abilities thus far and the level of the students here at CLU. I think a lot of people have never even taken yoga classes before this. So I'm happy to be a part of people's new experience."

Emanuel has been teaching Hatha Yoga at the classes, which is a mixture of breath-

ing techniques, body poses and meditation. One of the exercises is a balancing technique called "half moon." It combines balancing on one leg, leaning to the side with one arm in the air and grasping an ankle with the other hand.

"It increases strength definitely, and it helps your balance, coordination and flexibility in your hamstrings," Emanuel said.

Senior Luke Patten has been attending the yoga classes for the past three weeks.

"They allow me to take stock of the day and kind of figure out where I'm at. I can center myself and relax," said Patten. "I would strongly recommend it. I think it's a good thing for everyone to be involved in."

Aside from improving overall health, the classes can also increase one's flexibility. Emanuel, who is also a member of the Kingsmen basketball team, thinks that both students and athletes can benefit from these techniques.

"I think being flexible is definitely an advantage and really a vital part of any sports program. It also helps your strength and the more flexible you are the longer your muscles are and the harder the contractions are that you get for your strength and power," Emanuel said.

The number of students attending classes has increased as more people find them out. About 20 students have attended the last few sessions.



Photograph courtesy of Todd Kugler  
Micah Narou stretches during the yoga class. The classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

"I think they need to find a bigger space because it seems more and more people are coming," said sophomore Lauren Heim. "I think it's a really good relaxation technique for students getting stressed out with school and a great way to relax."

At the end of the session, Emanuel has class members lie down, close their eyes and reflect on the day. He feels that this is essential, especially for students and contributes to the personal growth of those who attend the class.

## Harmony Week hosted by Gay-Straight Alliance

By Sierra McGuire  
STAFF WRITER

What do drag queens, ice cream, a gay men's chorus and art work all have in common? They'll all be included in Harmony Week, hosted by California Lutheran University's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA).

The third annual Harmony Week will take place this March 1-5. The weeklong event takes place each year to promote diversity and awareness on campus and in the community. Harmony Week will feature new events and also bring back some old Harmony

Week traditions.

Events start with a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) art walk at the flagpole. Senior Sarah Mendivel is the curator for the event.

"This show is very exciting because it is groundbreaking for the university. There will be over 30 artists in all different mediums expressing their talents," Mendivel said.

Tuesday, March 2, will be the "Day of Silence." The silence represents all the voices that haven't been heard throughout the GLBT community and those who have been victims of hate crime.

"[Participants don't speak] for 12 hours out of the day. When someone talks to you, you hand them a card that explains why you're silent," GSA club president Nick Gordon said.

Another event that commemorates victims of a hate crime will be "Jeans Day." Blue jeans will be strung along Memorial Parkway with the names of victims who have died along with their story.

"Purple Haze Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball" is planned for Thursday, March 4. The GSA will award prizes to professors, staff and students for costumes, enthusiasm and

advocacy.

To finish off the week there will be a "Bi-Scream social" and concert featuring Los Angeles "Gay Men's Chorus."

"We hope everyone comes out and supports the awareness week. It's just about understanding and teaching tolerance. We're trying to heal the hate," club member Sky Mendez said.

All of the events during Harmony Week are free and all of CLU is welcome to participate.

## Movie "Barbershop 2" doesn't make the cut

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

The crazy employees of a barbershop run by Calvin (rapper Ice Cube) are back to deliver more laughs to the audience in the sequel of the original 2002 "Barbershop."

Gina (rapper and actress Queen Latifah), the stylist next door, tries to expand her own business by attracting new customers as well as Calvin's customers. In the meantime, Calvin must preserve his father's shop, this time against brand-name chains.

Although the film provides a strong sense of community and many laughs to go along with its subject matter, sequels seem to never capture the magic of the first film. "Barbershop 2" is no different. One hour and 56 minutes seemed to be too little time to develop the characters and investigate the situations they face while working at the barbershop.

The audience gets to meet Calvin's wife

and newborn child, as well as watch Calvin struggle to provide for his family while trying to honor his father and his dream.

The audience, however, is left wondering about Ricky's past and if he is still getting caught up. Also, the viewer never finds out why the white guy in the front chair wasn't permitted to cut anybody's hair or enough about his conflict with Jimmy, the prissy man who liked his coffee specific. Furthermore, the film doesn't show if Terri left her cheating boyfriend for good. The movie shouldn't have left so many unanswered questions.

"Barbershop 2" shows that community is just as important as family. The audience sees that in the end, we need both community and family, which often overlap. The barbershop provides a certain outlet for the community.

Enjoying this film is not a problem; in fact, you might even find it in your parents' DVD collection. And it's still true that you can say anything in the barbershop.

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## The two-time loser tries again

By Brett C. Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Now, here comes the reclusive Ralph Nader, announcing his candidacy for president of the United States. Nader's is a two-time loser. He lost big in 1996 and 2000, unable to get 5 percent of the vote in either contest. He's no Ross Perot, but in 2000 he was able to claim 2.7 percent of the vote spending less money during his entire campaign than other candidates squander on lunch. Al Gore supporters still haven't forgiven Nader for stealing those precious votes that may have cost Gore the win.

Nader is a necessary evil, especially when one considers public schooling. We learn in school that the only way to change the government in times of trouble is to pick a Republican or Democratic candidate to save the country. From kindergarten to high school we are taught that a single great leader has (and will) always

solved our nation's problems. We learn that Lincoln freed the slaves and Roosevelt lifted the country out of the Depression, but we hear little about how ordinary citizens have joined together peacefully to bring about change. Absent from curriculum are lessons about the power of the people and the value of informed dissent.

Nader embodies the power of the people; the power of the lone citizen. In his many years as a consumer advocate, Nader has fought hard against General Motors and improved the quality of seat belts, and as a result, probably saved many lives. Furthermore, his book, "Unsafe at Any Speed," sent a powerful message to big corporations. Nader made it clear that consumers and citizens will not stand for shoddy products made by corporations that care more about profit than the safety of their products.

In addition to improving the quality of seat belts, Nader has formed dozens of public interest groups. This loser of a politician has made improvements that affect the lives of all consumers. For example, we have Nader to thank when we get free hotel stays and free airline tickets after being bumped from a flight. Nader was once bumped from a flight and was so offended that he fought to change airline policies for all consumers. All this seems to prove H. L. Menckens' point that "The government consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for

getting and holding office." Nader does not have a special talent for getting and holding office. His talent is in consumer advocacy. Nader knows that he won't be moving into the White House next year, but he's running anyway. It takes a real man to run for president twice, lose twice and still be able to raise money for a third run.

Nader's entrance into the race scares Democrats and Republicans, but they have little to fear. Political junkies are predicting that Nader will do worse this year than he has in past. Some claim that he won't be able to get more than 1 percent of the vote this time. Democrats, weary of Gore's loss in 2000, are unlikely to vote for Nader. Most Republicans don't have money or votes to waste on a loser, besides, given the stark contrasts between Bush and Nader, it is unlikely that registered Republicans will switch their votes.

These are dark times and Nader knows it. He brings hope to thousands of independents and Greens and diversifies the landscape of American political thought. Diversity is rare, but much needed in today's political climate. Nader's campaign is sure to exploit the fact that Republicans and Democrats have been squeezed so far to center.

If we are lucky, Nader will be invited to join in debates with Bush and Kerry this fall. But we are not lucky, Nader won't debate, and instead, we will be treated to the same tired rhetoric and rancor we heard in 2000.

## Bush unable to locate WMDs in Iraq

By Brandee J. Tecson  
COLUMNIST

Former U.S. weapons inspector David Kay has advised President Bush to acknowledge that he was wrong about hidden weapons in Iraq and "move ahead with overhauling the intelligence process." Many Americans, including myself, have been patiently waiting for Bush to provide some sort of evidence to back his claim of these supposed "weapons of mass destruction." However, over a year later, the President has come up empty-handed once again. In an interview with the Associated Press, Kay said the "serious burden of evidence" suggests that Saddam Hussein did not have chemical, biological and nuclear weapons at the beginning of the war in Iraq, but instead was seriously engaged in developing missiles.

"You are better off if you acknowledge the error and say we have learned from it and move ahead," Kay said. "I'm afraid if you don't acknowledge the error, and everybody knows why you are afraid to acknowledge the error, your political opponents will seize on it, the press will seize on it and no one will give you credit."

Credit for what? Since the beginning, Bush has said he had expected to find weapons in Iraq. However, U.N. and U.S. searched have failed to

find these weapons.

Since resigning in January, Kay has said that U.S. intelligence was wrong in claiming that Saddam has "stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons and advanced nuclear weapons programs."

So did Bush mislead the American people? After all, it was these programs that were the main justification for the war in Iraq. As a result of his claim, we engaged in a war where many lives, both Americans and Iraqis, were lost, possibly needlessly.

However, Bush will not back down from his stance and insists that weapons could still be discovered. In an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press," Bush said, "They could be hidden. They could have been transported to another country." Or they could have been buried in that rat hole with Saddam Hussein. Give me a break.

At least other people are finally seeing the light. Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was surprised that no weapons were found in Iraq.

"We presented what we believed the truth to be at the time," Powell said.

"My only serious regret about the continued holding on to these hopes that eventually we will find [weapons] is it allows us to avoid the hard steps necessary to reform the process," Kay said.

Despite the lack of weapons of mass

destruction, Kay said, "Iraq had an aggressive program to develop missiles assisted by foreign technology and scientists."

Another issue was the discovery of thousands of high-strength aluminum tubes, which Bush administration officials said were meant to be used to make nuclear bomb fuel out of uranium. Kay said analysts have concluded Iraq had "no active nuclear program" and that the tubes were to be used for artillery rockets.

Asked whether analysts believed their findings had been distorted, Kay said, "Were some people uncomfortable about some of the rhetoric? I think the fair answer to that is 'yes.' Politicians choose the best possible argument that will support the course of action they've decided on regardless of whether it's foreign policy or not. Is that cherry picking? That's the nature of the political process."

Though under attack over the U.S.-led campaign in Iraq, Bush proposed tighter international regulation of nuclear equipment that could be used for atomic weapons.

"We are using every means of diplomacy to confront the regimes that develop deadly weapons," Bush said. "And we have shown our willingness to use force when force is required."

There's no doubt about that, Mr. President. Now if only you could find Osama bin Laden. Maybe then America can breathe a bit easier.

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# OPINION

## Low-carb diets are examined

By Brandee J. Tecson  
COLUMNIST

It's virtually impossible to walk down a grocery aisle nowadays without some sort of specialized Atkins brand product staring you in the face. It's no wonder that the low-carbohydrate food has become a \$15 billion a year industry.

Not to be left out, several fast food restaurants including In-and-Out Burger, McDonald's and Jack-in-the-Box are now catering to low-carb eaters by offering their hamburgers "without the bun." Instead, they stick the meat between two large pieces of lettuce. A true Atkins dieter would be proud.

As bread sales have steadily declined, the meat industry is now booming in the low-carb, high-protein phenomenon sweeping the country.

However, in the midst of an Atkins-crazed, low-carbohydrate revolution, a new study that appeared in the "Archives of Internal Medicine" suggests that a diet consisting of a lot of carbohydrates and less fat can lead to weight loss without exercise or cutting calories.

The study consisted of 34 overweight adults who were divided into one of three different 12-week programs: those who only ate the recommended diet for three months; those who ate the recommended diet and exercised regularly; and finally, those who maintained their normal eating habits.

All participants had meals prepared for them and were told to eat as much as they wanted. They were also told to return any uneaten food, which researched said enabled

them to calculate calorie intake.

Participants on the recommended diet lost about 7 pounds without cutting calories and without exercise, and those who exercised a few times a week lost approximately 11 pounds. The control group who maintained their regular eating habits lost no weight.

Foods on the successful diets included high-fiber cereal, vegetarian chili, whole-wheat spaghetti, many fruits and vegetables, and skim milk. Daily calories totaled about 2,400, similar to participants' usual consumption.

The high-carb eaters also lost a higher percentage of body fat than people who followed a diet that was lower in carbohydrates and higher in fat.

"If you just simply reduce fat in the diet, and allow people to eat as much carbohydrates as they want, they lose weight," Dr. William J. Evans of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences said.

These findings appear at a time when the low-carb diets like Atkins and South Beach are more popular than ever. However, some researchers and health professionals remain skeptical of low-carb diets, especially the Atkins diet, which has been criticized for pushing the consumption of highly saturated fat foods linked with increased cholesterol and heart disease.

One main criticism of the Atkins diet is that the dieter is not required to exercise in order to see the weight loss results.

"The whole idea that you could lose weight without reducing energy intake (calories) flies in the face of 100 years of data," said Gary Foster, clinical director of

the University of Pennsylvania's Weight and Eating Disorders Program. Foster says that while he recommends a low-fat, high-carb diet to patients, without calorie reduction it would be "a public health disaster."

And although high-carb eaters shed pounds without exercise and without counting calories, Katherine Tallmadge, a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association, pointed out that the best way to lose weight is to eat a healthy amount and to try to burn off food with exercise.

"In the end, (overeating and avoiding exercise) is doomed to fail," Tallmadge said.

To appreciate how low-carb diets work, it is important to understand the logistics behind the plan. When you ingest carbohydrates, they break down into sugar in the digestive track. The sugars stimulate the pancreas to produce insulin. The more sugar that is present, the more insulin gets reduced, causing an excess storage of fat.

However, not all carbs are bad. Vegetables, high fiber beans, lentils and squashes are all good sources of carbohydrates.

Now, coming on the heels of this study is a new revelation regarding the glorified diet doctor himself.

A recent report states that Dr. Robert Atkins, whose popular diet stresses protein over carbohydrates, weighed 258 pounds at his death and had a history of heart disease. He died last April after being injured in a fall on an icy street.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Atkins suffered a heart attack, congestive heart failure and hypertension.

According to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, Atkins would have qualified as obese at his 6-foot-tall frame.

This revelation has caused an uproar in the weight-loss and health community, forcing many Atkins followers to take a second look at their glorified diet plan.

Atkins' widow, Veronica, released her own statement thereafter, citing that her husband had suffered from heart disease for years but said it had nothing to do with the diet he supported.

Even in his death, Atkins is still surrounded by controversy. The results of Evans' report have brought to light some interesting questions.

Is it possible to eat as much as you want, sans carbs, and still lose weight? Or better yet, lose weight in a manner that won't be detrimental to your health later on?

Atkins supporters maintain their stance by pointing to several short-term studies that show no short-term increase in heart disease risks. Then again, studies on long-term effects are currently underway.

Although these diets may seem like weight-loss miracles initially, the guide to maintaining a fit physique is far more common sense. Forget the diets. Toss the weight-loss pills. The answer lies in eating smaller portions of healthier foods and exercising a few times a week. Control the food instead of letting it control you. To lose weight, change your lifestyle.

However, in a society where people have become far too lazy to put in the effort, these low-carb diets are here to stay—at least until the next weight-loss phenomenon rolls around.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo,

As a double major in French and international studies, I am always interested in internationally related events on campus. Naturally, when I saw a flyer titled "Living with the Consequences of U.S. Foreign Policy" I was immediately interested. The presentation took place on January 30, and was about the effects of U.S. policy in Nicaragua. It consisted of a slide show documentation of human rights violations given by Paul Dix and Pam Fitzpatrick. The husband and wife team traveled through Nicaragua during the 1980s and photographed Nicaraguans who were victims of the Contra War. Last year Paul and Pam returned to Nicaragua and traced the same people they photographed in the 1980s.

I was particularly interested in the presentation since I had taken a class about the history and politics of Latin America last semester. I was interested in seeing what I learned in the classroom carry over in a real way. I was not prepared for how much the presentation would affect me personally. I knew that the Contra War, which was a U.S.-backed effort by the Nicaraguan military to overthrow the Sandinista regime and the guerrilla fighters, had led to the deaths of thousands of Nicaraguans. Reading about what happened on page in comparison to seeing slides of people who lost limbs and family members because of U.S. actions as well as hearing their personal testimonies was a wake-up call for me.

Knowing that people have to live on three dollars a day and that many of them are doing so without an arm, leg or even an eye because they were shot in a Contra attack supported by the United States is unreal for us as Americans to imagine. Many of the Nicaraguans had been young children when during the Contra War and despite the loss of a limb, were still living.

Paul and Pam read some of the testimo-

nies about the experiences of the Nicaraguans they photographed. It was amazing that these people possessed the strength to keep on living, and it was equally devastating to see what they had lost. One woman's testimony especially stuck in my mind. She said that she thought it was terrible that American children did not know what their own country was doing in other parts of the world.

That really stood out me because it is true: how many children, let alone college students, know about U.S. intervention in places like Nicaragua and what kinds of events occur as a result? How many of us ever take a moment during the day to wonder what people in other parts of the world are experiencing? I believe that is the reason people in countries like Nicaragua see Americans as ignorant and selfish. If I had not taken a class about Latin America, I would be unaware of what has happened in other parts of the world because of our government's actions.

I believe that Americans need to be made more aware what is happening in other parts of the world so that we can help prevent situations like the Contra War from happening again. One way to inform people is to encourage information sessions and presentations on topics like third-world countries, world hunger, poverty, and other international concerns. More internationally related events on our own campus would certainly open the eyes of many students at Cal Lutheran to the world beyond the classroom. I would like to commend the religion department and the Global Peace and Justice Committee for making an event like this possible. It certainly opened my eyes and made what I learned in the classroom real.

Clarice Hammett  
Sophomore  
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Dear Echo,

This is in response to Brett Rowland's editorial in the Feb. 11 issue of the Echo. He wrote about how important it is for each and every one of us to register to vote, and then actually go and vote on Election Day. For once I thought he had written a decent editorial; that is until I got about half way through the second to last paragraph. Mr. Rowland stated "putting an American flag sticker on your SUV is not being patriotic."

Well, Mr. Rowland, I have an American flag sticker on my SUV, and I feel that it's very patriotic.

Anytime someone displays an American flag in a respectful way, it's being patriotic. Just look at what happened in the weeks following 9/11.

Mr. Rowland went on to say "yellow ribbons do not help the troops in Afghanistan or Iraq." Again, I must disagree, and for one very simple reason: personal experience (something Mr. Rowland lacks). I served my country for four and a half years in the Navy, and spent two different six-month deployments in the North Arabian Gulf during time of conflict with Saddam Hussein. Supporting our troops

by displaying flags and ribbons is the right thing to do. It's because of those troops that our nation has the many freedoms it does, and Brett has the freedom to be ignorant.

Mr. Rowland probably doesn't remember (because he was in grade school) back in 1991, during the original Gulf War, any troop that was ever interviewed expressed their appreciation for the American public showing support for them with yellow ribbons. That is Mr. Rowland's major downfall; he speaks of things he knows nothing about.

Here's my suggestion to Mr. Rowland and others who share his opinion about it not being necessary to support our troops: join the military, and see for yourself that it really does make a difference when someone puts an American flag sticker on their car. Because spending one dollar on a sticker and taking the five seconds to place it on your window shows that you love your country and support your troops.

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## SPORTS

# Race to the play-offs is nail-biter for Kingsmen basketball team



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Freshman Brandon Bush breaks away with the ball and lays it in to score another two points for the team.

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Kingsmen basketball team defeated the Whittier Poets but lost to Claremont in league play last week.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, the Kingsmen

defeated the Poets 76-73, improving to 18-4 overall and 9-2 in the league.

The Kingsmen pulled away early and led 43-27 at halftime. CLU had a 20-point lead with 16 minutes to go. Whittier cut the deficit to one point, 69-68, as one of the Poets drained a three-pointer, with only a couple minutes remaining in the game.

The last time Whittier was to score was with another three-point shot at 18 seconds, which put the score at 74-73. Junior Matt Adame eventually sealed the win, nailing both his free throws to give the Kingsmen a three-point lead with a few desperate seconds left.

The Poets made one last unsuccessful attempt to tie the game with a three, but the game ended without a last minute basket, 76-73.

"We just got away from what we were doing in the first half, but we were able to maintain and finish with a win," said junior Matt McCann.

Senior Zareh Avedian led the Kingsmen with 23 points, five rebounds and three steals. Avedian is now ranked ninth in the nation in scoring.

"Our focus was on stopping Chris Wight, and we succeeded," Avedian said.

McCann had ten points and seven rebounds, which was a team high.

The team is still undefeated at home (13-0).

The Kingsmen's four-game winning streak was broken Saturday, Feb. 21, against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps despite



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

An excited senior Zareh Avedian gets helped up off the floor. Avedian led the Kingsmen with 23 points.

four players scoring in double figures.

The Kingsmen traveled to Claremont, where they were defeated with a score of 63-73. CLU is now 18-5 overall and 9-3 in the league.

"We weren't aggressive enough, and our rebounding wasn't there," Adame said.

Claremont out-rebounded the Kingsmen 40-33, and had 14 offensive rebounds compared to CLU's eight.

"We didn't play with much emotion. Mentally we weren't there," Avedian said.

Sophomore Alex Minney led the Kingsmen with 15 points and eight rebounds. Avedian had 12 points and three blocks. Adame also had 12 points, and freshman Brandon Bush had 11 points.

Stats were not available at press time for the Pomona-Pitzer game on Monday, Feb. 23.

## Regals add two more conference wins

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team advanced to 12-11 overall, and 8-4 in league after defeating Occidental and La Verne in two league games last week.

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Regals defeated the Occidental Tigers (11-12, 5-7) 70-54.

Senior Julie Cichon had a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

"Julie has been really steady throughout the whole season. She has hit big shots in all the games at key moments," coach Kristy Hopkins said.

Sophomore Lauren Stroot also had a double-double with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore Alex Mallen had five assists in the victory.

"The team is playing with determina-



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Junior Barbara Levole passes the ball around her defender to find open player sophomore Katy Svenningsen.

tion. They kept their focus throughout the game," Hopkins said.

On Friday, Feb. 20, the Regals trav-

eled to La Verne (14-9, 7-5) and defeated the Leopards 70-60, dropping them to fourth place in the league.

La Verne trailed by 20 points toward the end of the first half, 38-18, but they made a comeback to tie the game 52-52 with eight minutes left in play. Stroot scored eight points in an 11-4 run to put the game away for the Regals.

The Regals have now won six of their last seven games.

"We finally learned how to win and found out what it takes to win," said Hopkins.

Stroot was the top scorer for the Regals with 17 points. Sophomore Katy Svenningsen was second, scoring 15 points and grabbing six rebounds.

The Regals shot 44 percent for the game, while La Verne only shot 42 percent.

"We knew that they were a second half team, so we knew we had to come out and play hard in the second half," Cichon said. "We just ran everything smoothly."

"We executed our plays really well. We also rebounded well," Stroot said.

## Men's tennis dominates the Poets

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Feb. 20, the Whittier College Poets (0-6, 0-4) visited Thousand Oaks to play against the No. 12 nationally ranked California Lutheran University Kingsmen tennis team (3-2, 2-1).

The Kingsmen did not drop more than one game in singles and did not drop a single game in doubles to the Poets, finishing with a score of 7-0.

Sophomore Karlo Arapovic, who played No. 6 for the Kingsmen, was one

of the players who did not drop one game to the Poets in singles and doubles. "We knew that we were going to dominate, and we did," Arapovic said.

No. 1 singles Quinn Calderon (No. 38 nationally) defeated David Navasolov, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 singles James Vallejos defeated Brian McSorley, 6-0, 6-0 and No. 3 singles Shara Surabi defeated Nick Zehr, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play, No. 1 Calderon and Ryan Felix defeated Navasolov and McSorley, 8-0. No. 2 Vallejos and Arapovic defeated Zehr and Choi, 8-0 and

No. 3 Ben Staley and Joel Wetherholm defeated Hiranandani and Le Ylane, 8-0.

The Kingsmen, who were scheduled to play a doubleheader against the Occidental College Tigers and also the Chapman University Panthers at home on Saturday, Feb. 21, were unable to play due to rain.

Some of the Kingsmen knew it was going to rain this weekend, so after the match against the Poets, they played among themselves to practice for the tough weekend ahead. They will play away against the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

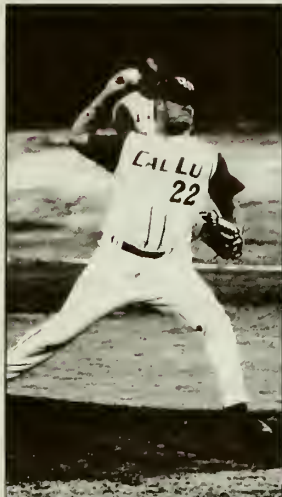
Staggs on Saturday, Feb. 28.

"Whittier didn't really give us a big problem and I think that playing against teammates is a much better idea to get ready for the match on Saturday," Calderon said. Head coach Mike Gennette was the one that put them to play right after the Whittier match was over since the match was done in less than two hours. "We will definitely be working hard for the first part of the week, and then we will focus on winning the match against Claremont. Claremont won SCIAC last year and we definitely don't want to see that happen again," Gennette said.



## SPORTS

# Baseball plays through rain to defeat the Whittier Poets, 13-11



Photograph by Dan Norton

Junior pitcher Lionel Carrizoles brings the heat against the Poets, Saturday, Feb. 21.



Photograph by Dan Norton

Sophomore pitcher Matt Hirsh and coach are deep in thought during the game against the Whittier Poets.

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen baseball team (4-5, 1-0) won the first game of a doubleheader with a three-run homer at the bottom of the ninth inning on Saturday, Feb. 21, against the Whittier Poets (1-5, 0-1).

Despite the rain, the teams battled it out. The Kingsmen were victorious, beating the Poets 13-11.

The Kingsmen lead 10-7, but in the first

half of the ninth, the Poets tallied four runs to make the score 11-10. Then at the bottom of the ninth, sophomore third basemen Christian Harriot smashed a three-run homer to bring in the win for the Kingsmen.

"Even though we were down, we never felt that we were out. We picked it up a notch and we were able to pull out a victory," junior Roy Riley said.

Harriot finished two for four with five RBIs. Riley also had a three-run home run. Junior infielder Clay Alarcon had three

RBIs. Starting pitcher sophomore Matt Hirsh won 6.2 innings and gave up two runs on six hits, but struck out 10. He struck out six between the second and third innings. Freshmen pitcher Nathan Cusick took the win for the Kingsmen.

"As a team, we always believe we can win. No matter who is up to bat, we know something great is going to happen. These guys came through for us and we got that win we know we should have. It was a perfect example of Cal Lu baseball; we may be down but we are never out," junior Nick Bjork said.

The second game of the doubleheader was called because of darkness, but the Kingsmen were leading 16-5 after five innings. The game will be made up later.

The Kingsmen also had a game against Whittier on Friday, Feb. 20, but it was postponed due to darkness.

"The bull pen wasn't as strong as we expected it to be (against the Poets), but our defense picked it up and our offense got the runs back. This was our first weekend of SCIAC play and we did pretty well. We are optimistic about the rest of the season," junior Jon Calmes said.

## Coach Rich Rider celebrates 300th win



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Coach Rich Rider keeps his team focused at half time. His 300th win came after beating Coltech, 92-43.

By Scott Flanders  
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Cal Lutheran men's basketball head coach Rich Rider reached a milestone February 14 as he collected his 300th career victory with a 92-43 win over Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC)

opponent Caltech.

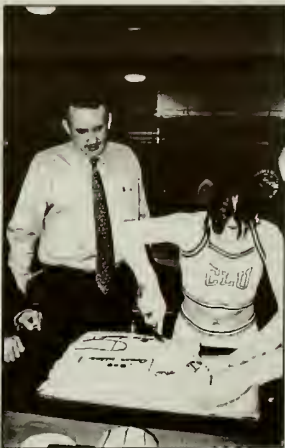
Now in his 19th season as a head coach, Rider has amassed a 300-186 overall record, good for a .617 winning percentage. He is currently in his tenth season at Cal Lutheran and spent nine years at Chapman in Orange, Calif. prior to taking over the Kingsmen program.

Under Rider's tutelage, CLU won the

SCIAC title in 2001 and has finished second in the league six times. He has led the squad to an impressive 94-42 (.691) record vs. conference opponents. In 2001, Rider became the program's all-time winningest coach. During the 1996-97 season, he reached the 50-win plateau faster than any of the nine coaches before him.

### Rich Rider Year-by-Year

1973-74,	Chapman,	11-15
1974-75,	Chapman,	16-10
1975-76,	Chapman,	16-12
1976-77,	Chapman,	17-10
1977-78,	Chapman,	19-10
1978-79,	Chapman,	15-11
1979-80,	Chapman,	9-16
1980-81,	Chapman,	18-9
1981-82,	Chapman,	15-11
1994-95,	Cal Lutheran,	17-8
1995-96,	Cal Lutheran,	19-6
1996-97,	Cal Lutheran,	17-8
1997-98,	Cal Lutheran,	15-10
1998-99,	Cal Lutheran,	10-15
1999-00,	Cal Lutheran,	14-10
2000-01,	Cal Lutheran,	19-7
2001-02,	Cal Lutheran,	20-5
2002-03,	Cal Lutheran,	16-9
2003-04,	Cal Lutheran,	17-4



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Coach Rich Rider enjoys his celebration cake with the fans and some of the CLU cheerleaders.

## Intramural soccer

### February 29

Game #1 (8 p.m.)

Soul Glow vs. Gallinas

Beardo Express (Bye)

Game #2 (9 p.m.)

Vons Strikers vs. Kwamura

Hakuna Matatah (Bye)

Game #3 (10 p.m.)

Winner game #1 vs.

Beardo Express

Game #4 (11 p.m.)

Winner game #2 vs.

Hakuna Matatah

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## Championship Game

(10 p.m.)

Winner game #3 vs.

Winner game #4

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# Regal softball team defeated by the rain



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Starting pitcher freshman Ashley Calenda tries to keep her grip on the ball as she pitches to the batter. The Regals played through the rain on Saturday's doubleheader against Redlands.

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Regals softball team opened its season with one loss and a tie against the University of Redlands Bulldogs. The team now ranks 1-6 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

The second game of Saturday's doubleheader at home resulted in a 4-4 tie, which ended due to darkness, after 11 innings. Sophomore pitcher Gianna Regal pitched the entire game and posted eight strikeouts. Senior infielder Emily Olineru posted three hits and two runs. The game will continue at a later date, as there are no ties in SCIAC competition, according to Head Coach and Assistant Athletics Director Debbie Day.

The first game ended in a 10-6 loss for the Regals. Senior outfielder Shannon Teverbaugh hit two RBI's and one run.

"I think in the first game we did not play to the best of our abilities," Day said. "We left a lot of base runners. We had a lot of defensive miscues. I was very impressed that they were able to turn that around in the second game."

"The first game wasn't our best game," Regal said. "We struggled offensively. But in the second game, we really came back; we really showed some heart,

we really impressed ourselves as a team. We got our defense and offense together and it was exciting to have something to fight for. We were tied pretty much the entire game. Overall, it was a really good day."

"We had a lot of errors that were unnecessary," junior catcher Meagan Loesche said of the first game. "We came back and answered with six runs, but they weren't enough. We just weren't putting the ball in play."

"To go 11 innings was a long game. There were crucial plays that we needed to execute but didn't," Loesche said. "Our pitcher Gianna and our catcher Katy both were outstanding."

Rainy weather forced Friday's away game against the Bulldogs into cancellation after three innings, but it will resume at a later date.

"We know the things we need to work on," Loesche said. "Redlands is one of the teams we're going to have to finish the two games with and finish strong. We're looking forward to our next series."

The Regals stay at home to face the University of La Verne Leopards on Feb. 27 before leaving to face the Leopards in a doubleheader on Saturday Feb. 28.

## Regal tennis defeats Whittier Poets, 9-0

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 18 nationally ranked California Lutheran University Regals tennis team (4-1, 2-1) played on Friday, Feb. 20, against the Whittier College Poets (0-4, 0-4), defeating them by a score of 9-0. After having a tough weekend last week, the Regals were successful in defeating the Poets without dropping more than three games in every match.

Sophomore Blair Murphy, who played No. 3 singles for the Regals and No. 2 doubles, only dropped one game in singles and only three games collectively with partner junior Lisa Novajosky in doubles play. "I'm really proud of the team because we were ready to play and we took care of business," Murphy said.

The weather was a big factor this last weekend since the rain prevented the Regals from playing away against the Occidental College Tigers on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Coach Nancy Garrison was pleased to get at least one match in this weekend.

"Myself and the Whittier coach were happy to get this match done with, since it is difficult to reschedule matches with a lot of matches scheduled," Garrison said.

No. 1 singles Jen Hansen (No. 22 nationally) defeated Vika Soshina 6-0, 6-2. No. 2 singles Lisa Novajosky defeated Kristin Friedersdorf 6-1, 6-1. No. 3 singles Blair Murphy defeated Hanna Hilligoss 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles play, No. 1 doubles Hansen and Rebecca Hunau defeated Friedersdorf and Soshina 8-2. No. 2 doubles Novajosky and Murphy defeated Hilligoss and Crandall 8-3, and No. 3 doubles Perkins and Smalling defeated Kornornua and Tsuda 8-2.

Thanks to the weather, the Regals got a little time off that was good for some of the players. Novajosky enjoyed the idea of a day off. "I definitely needed to catch up on homework and hang out watching TV and doing random stuff," Novajosky said.

## Sports Blotter

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

### Lacrosse

The Lacrosse team took on Hayward on Sunday, Feb. 15. The Hayward Pioneers beat the California Lutheran Knights 17-4.

There was another injury to the team. Junior RJ Key had to leave the game early do to re-injuring the same shoulder that he previously hurt in the first game.

"This time around we made a lot of improvements, however there are still more improvements to be made. We hope that by the end of the season we will be a top contender," junior Mike Cabral said.

The goals were scored by junior Aaron Collins, junior Chris Bumble, freshman Steve Page and freshman John Rische.

### Track

The track team had their first meet of the season on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Pomona-Pitzer.

Sophomore Adrian Cruz had three personal bests: 40 feet, nine inches in the shot put, along with 114 feet in the discus and 128 feet, five inches in the hammer. Junior Michael Alexander completed the 100 meter race in 11.0 seconds and completed the 200 meter race in 22.3 seconds. Senior Dereem McKinney had a personal record of 27 feet, four inches in the shot put. Sophomore Heather Worden finished

the 3000 meter race in ten minutes, 55 seconds.

"We had ten personal bests this weekend. It was our first meet of the season and the conditions weren't that great, but we are still off to a great start," Coach Scott Fickerson said.

### Diving

The diving team competed in the finals on Feb. 19-20. Junior Ashleigh Poulin was the only diver competing.

Poulin competed in the one meter and three meter diving events. She took first in the one meter diving event, winning by 17 points.

Poulin also took first in the three meter diving event, winning by two points.

"It was very hard to be the only [CLU] diver competing in the finals, but I knew I had the team behind me the whole time, and in the end it paid off," Poulin said.

### Rugby

The California Lutheran University rugby team took on Westmont Saturday, Feb. 21, at Westmont College.

It was a tough game for the CLU rugby team as they lost to Westmont, 23-17.

The goals were scored by junior Micah Hamilton, freshman Joey Stien and freshman Kyle Laubach.

"We could have beaten them, but we just had some mental errors that really cost us the game," junior Shawn Daniels said.



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*Security Alert!  
Five car burglaries on campus in one day.*

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# CLU holds Service Day 2004

By Ashley George  
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and staff participated in California Lutheran University's biannual Service Day on Saturday, Feb. 28.

**"The time we spent [at the teen center] assured me that we were keeping teens off the street..."**

Casey Overby  
Freshman

Volunteers took part in a variety of activities, including painting murals at the Gull Wings Children's Museum, visiting a transitional home for the homeless, making blankets for orphans in Thailand and Mexico and helping out with a Special Olympics ice-skating tournament.

Volunteers also participated in the beautification and landscaping of residence halls on campus.

"The goal of Service Day is to foster a sense of civic responsibility and self-pride among participants while helping people in need," according to the CLU Web site.

"I knew my time was well-spent when

some of the residents thanked us for what we were doing and one offered to help us out," said freshman Kari Uthus, who volunteered to plant flowers on campus. "Even though all I did was plant flowers, I think the residents will appreciate what we did, and that is all the justification I need for what I did for them."

Freshman Ashley Hubbard volunteered at a transitional home, where she and other volunteers prepared lunches for homeless families. Volunteers also gave some of the female residents manicures and played with the children staying in the home.

"Even though we were only there for a few hours, I think that interacting with the homeless by talking to them and doing activities with them really proved to them that someone cared," Hubbard said.

Freshman Casey Overby volunteered at a center for teens.

"The time we spent there assured me that we were keeping teens off the streets and giving them something to do," Overby said.

In an activity new to the Service Day lineup, volunteers assisted participants in a Special Olympics ice-skating tournament.

The tournament, which took place at the Oxnard Skating Center, gave volunteers an opportunity to interact with people suffering from mental disabilities.

Volunteers helped set up the tournament; they also coached participants and judged



Photograph by Jennifer Mann

*Cal Lutheran volunteers take time out from painting with some new friends.*

competitions.

The activities took place throughout the day, and in most cases volunteers were provided with refreshments.

Volunteers received a complimentary T-shirt commemorating Service Day 2004 and the satisfaction of knowing that they helped to better the community.

# Presidential Scholars visit Cal Lutheran

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

Seventy-five prospective students arrived at California Lutheran University's annual Presidential Scholarship Competition on Sunday, Feb. 29. High school seniors from across the country and world traveled to CLU to compete for scholarships.

Students this year came from as close as three miles away, in Thousand Oaks, Calif. to as far as Nepal, Vietnam, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Presidential Scholar Weekend has been a scholarship opportunity each year for incoming freshmen.

According to the Admissions office, 65 percent of the scholarship candidates end up attending CLU the following year.

"I think the scholarship is beneficial for CLU because it encourages top tier students to come here. This will, in turn, raise both class quality and test scores," 2002 Presidential Scholarship winner Kacey Backney said.

The weekend started off with a welcome dinner at which all of the CLU Admissions counselors were introduced and the weekend's itinerary was reviewed. After the dinner, the scholars attended the Lord of Life worship service. This year, the students were also invited to attend New West's hall program,



Photograph by Stephanie Shaker

*Several Presidential Scholar students begin the process of checking into CLU for the weekend.*

"Progressive Desserts," and to watch the Academy Awards.

Scholars had their competition interviews March 1. Each scholar was interviewed twice, first by a member of CLU's faculty, and then by a CLU administrator and a CLU student. Responses are scored on a point system and the students are ranked.

The top two scholars, based on interview points received, are awarded full tuition to CLU. The next four scholars in rank are awarded three-quarter tuition scholarships. The rest are awarded individually with different amounts; however, no scholar walks away with less than \$10,000 in scholarships.

The weekend ended with a trip to

Universal Citywalk to dine at Buca di Beppo, an Italian restaurant. Scholars were then allowed to explore Citywalk for an hour.

A lot goes into planning Presidential Scholar Weekend. CLU's Admission office plans the weekend from start to finish. Counselor Allison Pilmer heads up the team and makes sure everything runs smoothly. The Admission interns help by doing everything from helping pick up scholars at the airport and checking them in to taking them on tours of the campus.

"The most rewarding part of this event for me is coming back the following year and seeing them as CLU students," Admission intern Beckie Lewis said.

The Admission interns were also in charge of housing the students. This year, 39 rooms on the east side of campus volunteered to open their doors to the scholars. Many rooms housed more than one student.

"We volunteered to host Pres. Scholars because we like meeting new people, and since we all really like CLU, we wanted to make sure they got a good perception of the school," freshman Michelle Sekyra said.

The scholars returned home March 2, and they will be notified of the results by the end of the month.



# Calendar

## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
march 3

**Worship - Ash Wednesday**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Lord of Life Church Council Meeting**  
Chapel Lounge  
7:30 p.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.

**thursday**  
march 4

**Matthews Leadership Forum**  
Gym  
5 p.m.

**Hawaiian Club Meeting**  
Mogen Hall Lounge  
6 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball - Mandatory**  
Captains Meeting  
Nygren 1  
7 p.m.

**Intramural Indoor Soccer**  
Championship Game  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

**friday**  
march 5

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Club LU: Lip Sync**  
Forum  
9 p.m.

**saturday**  
march 6

**Creative Options - A Day for Women**  
Gym  
8 a.m.

**sunday**  
march 7

**Intramural Softball**  
Varsity Softball Field  
10 a.m.

**University Symphony**  
Scherr Forum Theater  
3 p.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**monday**  
march 8

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygren 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygren 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygren 1  
8:30 p.m.

### CLU Athletics to host Nutrition Speaker

**Friday, March 5 @ 10 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge**

Leslie Bonci, the Director of Sports Nutrition at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, will speak on the issues of athletic performance, eating disorders, weight management, and supplements. Bonci's visit is part of an eight-campus tour of CLU's athletic conference and is being made possible by an NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Speakers Grant program.

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# Career Services holds resume workshop

By Ashley George  
STAFF WRITER

Career Services hosted a resume-writing workshop to help students and alumni improve their resumes. The workshop was held on Feb. 24 in the Nelson Room and was the second in a series of career workshops being offered by Career Services.

Cynthia Smith, career counselor, said that the purpose of the workshop was "to provide students and alumni with tools to create a resume or improve their existing resume."

Undergraduates, graduate students, ADEP students and alumni attended the workshop.

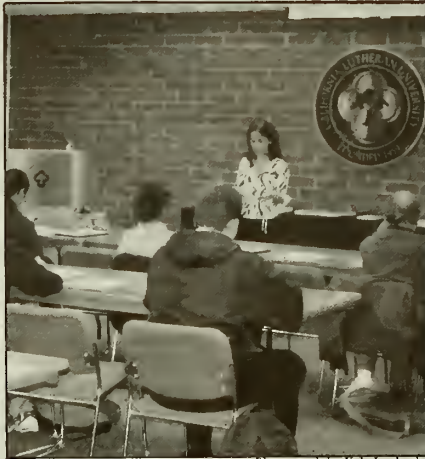
Smith addressed topics such as "types of resumes and their uses, resume format and content, using action verbs and presenting internship and volunteer work," she said.

In addition, she briefly discussed cover letters, references, recommendations and thank-you letters.

At the end of the workshop, students and alumni who had prepared resumes presented them to Smith for a critique.

"[The] resume writing workshop is one that we offer every semester. We encourage students to put one together early so they can update it on an ongoing basis with the activities that help build their experience," Smith said.

"With the Career Expo coming up and the printing of the resume books



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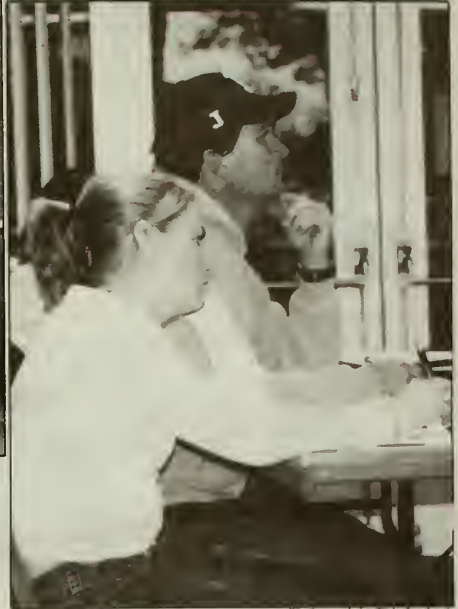
*Career Counselor Cynthia Smith guides students and alumni through the process of making a resume.*

that we offer to employers, having the workshop available allows students to get all the information at one time," Smith said.

All workshops are available free of charge to students and alumni. The next workshop, "Interviewing for

Offers," will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. in Overton Hall.

Interested students and alumni may register online



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*Attendees listen intently during the lecture.*

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## Security Alert

By Klay Peterson  
SECURITY RELEASE

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m., five vehicle burglaries occurred in the parking lot behind Janss and Afton Halls. In each case the suspects entered the vehicles by force, gaining entry through the driver's side window.

The suspects walked onto campus via the hilly, undeveloped area behind the Janss/Afton Hall parking lots. A search of the hillside resulted in the location of some of the stolen equipment. An expanded search of the area also resulted in the location of the suspects' vehicle, which was parked on Morningstar St. just off of Olsen Road. Numerous items stolen from student vehicles were confiscated pursuant to a search of the vehicle.

The suspects took stereo equipment, CDs, clothing, phone accessories, cash and credit cards.

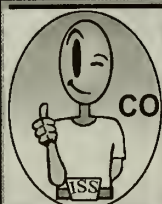
One of the possible suspects may have been wearing cowboy boots.

Suspect No. 1 is a white male, approximately 25 years old, 5' 8", 165-170 pounds, wearing white tennis shoes, black pants and a greyish-blue short sleeved shirt. This suspect has very short light brown hair, hazel or light brown eyes and a blondish colored goatee. No scars, marks or tattoos were noted.

At press time, there is no description of suspect No. 2.

The suspect vehicle is a mid 1980s, full-size Chevrolet pick-up. It has a California license plate and is bronze in color.

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## Where is the best or worst place to go for a date?



Rob Munguia, computer science, 2004

"The best place to take a date is this little Italian restaurant called 'Buca de Beppo' in Citywalk."



Jennifer Fomadley, accounting, 2007

"The best is going to an amusement park."



Samantha Fried, art, 2006

"Third Street in Santa Monica is perfect. You can just walk and talk."



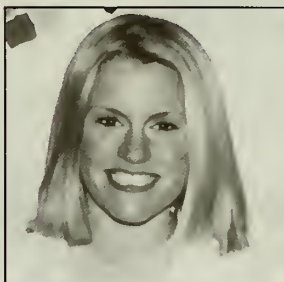
Ryan Cecil, business, 2006

"The best is taking a girl to a rodeo."



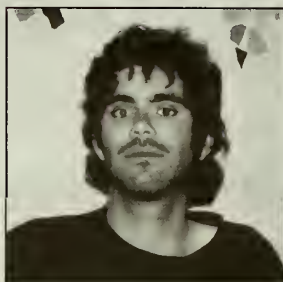
Beth Kirschner, communication, 2007

"The best would be to have dinner, then go eat pie on the beach!"



Ally Cunningham, communication, 2007

"Some snowboarding then a hot tub afterwards."



Jon Riley, communication, 2005

"The worst thing to do for a date would be to just sit there looking at each other wondering, 'why am I here?'"



Joe Thomas, social science, 2006

"The worst thing you can do for a date is forgetting her name."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Jimmy Fox. Photography is by Claire Hillard.

## Car of the Week



Car of the Week is compiled by Kyle Peterson.

Senior Ryan Palmer stands next to his 1973 Nova. He's running a built 350 small block with 470 horse power, a Ford 9 inch rear end Detroit locker. His best elapsed time in the quarter mile is 12.5 at 114 mph.

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# Blessings given at Ash Wednesday concert

By Yuridia Perez  
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and community members gathered in the chapel Wednesday, Feb. 25, to receive their blessings and have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday commemorates the first of the 40 days of Lent. The service featured singing by the California Lutheran University Choir, readings and prayers.

Bishop Murray Finck from the Pacific Synod preached at the service. In his sermon, he talked about the Southern California fires and that everything was reduced to ashes during the disaster. He advised everyone to remember that in the end they are all ashes.

"You are dust, and to dust you shall

return," was the recurring message of the service. After Finck spoke, everyone sang the hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed." Lenten Exhortation followed the discussion about the depth of God's love through Jesus. More hymns were sung while each chapel row lined up to go to the stations to get their foreheads marked with ashes and receive bread and wine.

Rev. Melissa M. Maxwell-Doherty was one of the presiding ministers and was pleased with Wednesday's service.

"Whenever God's word is proclaimed and I can taste and even know that Jesus loves me [and] that my sin's forgiven, I'm happy," Maxwell-Doherty said.

The CLU Choir sang two Latin songs: "Timor Et Tremor" and "Vinea Mea Electa," both of which have been practiced since September. CLU senior Katie Holze is a member of the choir and

**"I thought it was cool because music is always a good part of worship, and I think it's important that the choir is involved."**

Katie Holze  
Senior

enjoyed the service.

"As long as I've been in choir, we haven't sang in an Ash Wednesday service. I like it because it tends to be one of the bigger ones on campus," Holze said. "I thought it was cool because music is always a good part of worship, and I think it's important that the choir is involved."

"I loved hearing the CLU Choir,"

said Danielle Mier, a CLU junior. "I've never heard them before, but it sounded really pretty."

During the season of Lent, it is common for people to give up or abstain from something. There are also other ways to show respect.

"I decided to add something instead of take away something," Holze said. "So this year, every day I look at a new Bible verse that I like, and I write it down in my journal, so that I can become more familiar with the Bible."

In addition to opening the season of Lent, the CLU Choir will also be closing it.

"Since our Spring Break is over Holy Week, they decided to move Holy Week at CLU to the week before," Holze said.

That service will take place on March 31.

## Book "Touching From a Distance" provides insight into Joy Division

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

The band Joy Division's tale is a hard one to tell. Filled with bitter memories, financial woes, brilliant lyrics, pioneering, naïveté and death, the band contained all the necessary attributes needed to secure its now mythological fate. That myth-making path was predetermined by its lead singer, Ian Curtis, and was forever solidified when he took his own life on May 18, 1980. Like Sylvia Plath, Nick Drake, Syd Barrett and the recently departed Elliot Smith, Curtis' work documented his descent into depression and inability to face personal demons.

It took 15 years for someone to recover,

stand up and help dispel some of the myths. That person was Ian's wife, Deborah Curtis. Her 1995 book, "Touching From a Distance," helped break the silence hovering around Joy Division.

Hoping to move on with their careers, the former members of Joy Division became New Order and tried in vain to forget their past. Unavailable for comment for many years, the band was understandably bitter and struggled to find its identity. Factory Records, the unorthodox independent label that signed Joy Division, propelled some profitable myths of its own.

While there are some inevitable biases and omissions in Deborah Curtis' biography on her late husband, it is surprisingly (and

thankfully) suppressed for someone in her position. Ostracized from the band, her husband (during his brief life and, obviously, by his death) and left alone to care for a daughter, this book could have been a fiasco (had it been written ten years earlier, it just might have).

The passage of time, along with hindsight, has inevitably smoothed over some of the bitterness surrounding those involved with Joy Division. Deborah Curtis even had the grace to include quotes from sources connected, in some way or another, to Joy Division. While she often overrides any opinions that contradict her own, the quotes succeed in allowing readers to discern what they want to believe (Ian Curtis winning yet again).

Deborah thrives in taking the romance out of the myth. What the reader gets out of "Touching From a Distance" is not a supernova, romantic story, but one of sorrow at such naïveté and squandered talent.

Deborah describes Ian's early obsession with James Dean, Lou Reed and David Bowie: all individuals who flirted with death. She also discusses his epileptic fits and prescription pills, which acted as catalysts for destruction on an already fragile psyche. "Touching From a Distance" is a reminder that Curtis not only left behind two of rock's greatest albums, but a widow, a toddler, three band mates on the brink of success, a mistress and unfulfilled potential for a permanent solution.

## Safe Rides provides rides for all students

By Sierra McGuire  
STAFF WRITER

A dollar can't buy you very much these days. With the help of Safe Rides, though, you can get a ride to the California Lutheran University campus.

Safe Rides offers to drive students to CLU from any location within a 15-mile radius for only \$1. For almost 10 years, the Thousand Oaks Cab Company has run the service for students.

"The deal is, for \$1 we'll pick you up from Moorpark, Agoura Hills, Westlake, Newbury Park and of course Thousand Oaks," said vice-president Alan Reer.

The cab services don't apply to Simi Valley or Camarillo. Still, 15-20 students use Safe Rides as transportation each weekend.

"I got tanked at a party in Westlake Village last weekend and couldn't drive home. I was sitting there looking at my keys and saw my Safe Rides key chain. I called them up, and they came and got me," said senior Tony Perez.

The services are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. for all CLU students with an I.D.

"We encourage everyone to be safe," Reer said.

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## Best dressed at the 76th annual Academy Awards

By Yuridia Perez  
STAFF WRITER

Bright hues, creams and whites were the most apparent colors at the 76th annual Academy Awards. The male guests who attended the awards wore classic black tuxes, as usual.

The best dressed this year, without a doubt, goes once again to the beautiful Julia Roberts. Roberts showed up at Sunday's event wearing a champagne-colored gown with a V-shaped neckline and sparkling silver brooch below her bustline. The gown also exhibited a small train.

Other best-dressed actresses and actors included Renee Zellweger, Julianne Moore, Sean Penn, Angelina Jolie, Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, Robbin Williams and Jennifer Garner.

Sandra Bullock was also quite stunning. Her makeup and jewelry were very complementary to her white, feather-bottomed gown. Simple yet sheer described Liv Tyler, who presented an award. Tyler arrived wearing a long black backless dress. She pulled off the retro look with a great set of earrings and her fantastic retro-looking hair-do and glasses.

Oscar-winning actress Charlize Theron looked flawless, wearing an elegant sparkling halter dress with a criss-cross back and a medium length train. The pastel yellow color accentuated her skin tone.

Garner's dress was probably the most extravagant gown at the awards show. The gown was a bright orange-red off the shoulder, with a long cape-like train that tied at the waist. The dress was very bold yet attractive.

Will Smith appeared with his beautiful

wife Jada Pinkett Smith, looking very adorable. He was wearing a not-so-typical, all-black tux, black-tie combo.

Susan Sarandon was escorted by her sons and Tim Robbins, who took home an Oscar. Sarandon wore a simple yet sheer, long, flowy black gown to the event. Once again, she managed to keep herself reserved but always stylish.

Zellweger dared to break the mold by wearing a white strapless dress with a huge gorgeous origami-like bow at the back.

To complete this year's best dressed list is Nicole Kidman. She wore a white form-fitting dress that was adorned with knitting at the bustline and at the hem.

Big bows and long trains were key to the most fabulous dresses this year at the Academy Awards.

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## Aristide disposed, again



By Brett C. Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Stories came over the wires heavy and fast in what turned out to another strange week in news. Most significant is Jean-Bertrand Aristide's recent distinction of being the only president to be disposed twice. In an unprecedented use of public diplomacy, the president of the United States (the "Leader of the Free World") called for a democratically elected foreign president to step down in order to avoid violence. The oil-rich Texan's sudden aversion to the bloodshed of foreigners is surprising: Bush usually foams at the mouth and jumps right in at the first mention of violence — like a shark at the first taste of blood. But alas, I digress — the point is that

the United States, the world's largest exporter of democracy, has helped to oust a democratically elected president.

Further discussion on Haiti requires that we revisit the U.S.'s past relations with this poverty-stricken nation. In 1803, the U.S. opposed the Haitian revolution for independence from France. The U.S. and other nations (including France and Spain) feared an independent nation whose "principle leaders are colored men," according to a memo sent to the U.S. secretary of state by the Spanish minister.

In 1915, more than 100 years later, the United States intervened in Haiti for a second time, this time in order to prevent conflicts and ensure friendly relations. American troops occupied Haiti for the next 19 years. In 1990, the United States, convinced that Marc Bazin (a former World Bank official) would win, supported democratic elections in Haiti. Bazin lost to Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who won with a landslide victory; Aristide received 67 percent of the vote (more than Bush did in 2000).

A year later, in a coup d'état led by General Cedras, Aristide is forced into exile. The U.S. intervenes for a fourth time three years later in 1994, leading a U.N. multi-

nation force to ensure the peaceful return of Aristide. It is worth noting that Aristide's peaceful return was helped in large part by the diplomatic activities of Colin Powell who encouraged the Haitian military leaders to relinquish power to Aristide. Sunday, Bush and Powell called for Aristide to step down and sent in the Marines — marking the U.S.'s fifth intervention in Haiti.

Scrutiny of the U.S.'s involvement in Haitian affairs seems to show that American influence has been largely unsuccessful in that country. Despite promises to the contrary in his 2000 presidential campaign, Bush seems to be in the business of "nation building." Currently, the U.S. military occupies two countries, Iraq and Afghanistan, both of which are being coached in the art of democracy.

Hope and encourage for a short American military presence in Haiti. U.S. troops should contain the recent outbreaks of violence and leave at once after stability is ensured.

The United States should wait until Iraq and Afghanistan secure effective constitutions and representative governments — that promote significant advancements in human rights — before attempting to bring democracy to Haiti.

## Nation divided over gay marriage

By Brandee J. Tecson  
COLUMNIST

Last Tuesday, President George W. Bush advocated for a constitutional amendment that would require marriage in the United States to be defined as the union between a man and a woman. In his remarks, Bush cited the recent flood of gay marriages in San Francisco.

"If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America," Bush said. "Decisive and democratic action is needed, because attempts to redefine marriage in a single state or city could have serious consequences throughout the country."

Officials in the city began issuing same-sex marriage licenses on Thursday, Feb. 12, outside city hall. Demand for same-sex licenses were so great that officials had to turn away many gay and lesbian couples who had lined up outside the hall for hours. In a blatant attempt to show her distaste for the president's comments, comedian Rosie O'Donnell flew into the Bay Area to wed her long-time partner Kelli Carpenter on Thursday, Feb. 26. The debate over the legalization of gay marriages has been thrust into the national spotlight, essentially dividing the nation into those who support the issue and those who strive to conserve the term "marriage" for heterosexuals. According to a poll conducted by Time Magazine, 62 percent of people who responded said they oppose the legalization of

same-sex marriage, while less than a third favors it. President Bush's position clearly sides with the majority of Americans: marriage should be between a man and a woman. Well, count me in the minority. Marriage should have no boundaries as long as it is taken seriously, which is more than can be said for 50 percent of Americans who end up in divorce.

Pop star Britney Spears, a self-confessed Baptist, wedded her childhood sweetheart in Las Vegas only to get it annulled 55 hours later. If that isn't a shameful blow to the institution of marriage, I don't know what is. According to recent reports, the United States is the unrivaled world leader when it comes to divorce. So who is to say that same-sex marriages should not be recognized? Why shouldn't they receive the same equality that heterosexual couples are given? Is it fair to give same-sex couples marital rights and responsibilities while reserving the word "marriage" for couples of the opposite sex?

"Marriage" is a powerful word for both sides," said Alan Wolfe, director of Boston College's Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life. "People want to reserve the 'm' word, but at the same time they don't want to discriminate."

Come May, gay and lesbian marriages will be legalized in Massachusetts — a groundbreaking victory for the gay community. Although 38 states have approved laws that do not recognize gay marriages as legally binding, the U.S. Constitution requires that those states honor marriages legally performed in other states. Oregon, Vermont and Massachusetts are the only three states where

courts have recognized the rights of homosexuals to be treated equally.

However, while many same-sex couples are celebrating other Americans are worried that a sacred institution has been threatened.

"If we have homosexual marriage mainstream, I can't even describe to you what our culture will be like," said Sandy Rios, president of Concerned Women for America, a leading anti-gay marriage organizations.

While Rios is adamant about preserving the institution of marriage for a man and a woman, it is apparent that many people are still on the fence with this issue.

The court decision to issue same-sex licenses has intensified efforts to pass a U.S. constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. One version of the amendment already has more than 100 co-sponsors in Congress. Although Congress is in talks of amending the U.S. Constitution, it will not doubt be a timely process. Surely, this issue will be thrust into the spotlight even more so considering the upcoming presidential election, especially since Democratic frontrunner, Senator John Kerry, hails from Massachusetts.

At campaign stops, Kerry was forced to say over and over that he opposed gay marriage and disagreed with his state's court ruling. He has also said he favored civil unions for gay couples and would vote against a U.S. constitutional amendment.

Should we uphold the term as it has always been defined, or has the world changed enough that it deserves a second look? Let the debate begin.

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# Last game for seniors is a win



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Senior Etienne Emanuel sees an open lane and drives to the hoop.

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University men's basketball team had a disappointing end to its season, suffering a defeat that cost it a trip to the playoffs.

On Monday, Feb. 23, the Kingsmen were defeated by the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens by a



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Senior Logan Steinhauer looks for an opportunity to score in his last game as a Kingsmen.

score of 53-72. Although the Kingsmen tied the Sagehens in the first half, they never led the game.

"We couldn't get into a rhythm," junior Matt McCann said.

Senior Zareh Avedian had 20 points and a team-high six rebounds. Sophomore Alex Minney had 18 points. The Kingsmen shot 39 percent from the field, while the Sagehens shot 60 percent for the game.

"They were shooting well," Avedian said.

"We played hard but fell short at the end," senior Logan Steinhauer said.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the Kingsmen won their final game of the season, defeating



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Senior Billy Proctor concentrates on making his free throws to contribute to the score.

the Occidental Tigers 75-58.

They opened their final game with a 15-0 run in the first couple of minutes. To the Tigers' advantage, the Kingsmen's hot streak was temporarily cooled during a time-out due to a net problem. CLU shot 62 percent in the opening half, leading the Tigers 42-20.

Avedian went out with a game-high 26 points, seven rebounds, five assists, three blocks and three steals. Ryan Hodges had 16 points, and Ron Russ had 14 points.

Seniors Avedian, Hodges, Etienne Emanuel, Billy Proctor and Steinhauer played in their final game as Kingsmen.

"We just wanted to win our last game, and we did," Avedian said.



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Senior Zareh Avedian maneuvers the ball around his opponent to score two points for the Kingsmen.

The Kingsmen ended 19-6 overall, and 10-4 in the league. They share a second-place finish in league with Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

## Regals' 9-5 record leaves them tied for second place



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Sophomore Lauren Stroot's opponent tries to block her jump shot without any luck.

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team finished its season 13-12 overall and 9-5 in league after losing to the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens and defeating the Whittier Poets.

On Monday, Feb. 22, the Regals lost a close game to the Sagehens by a score of 69-63.

"We lost our focus throughout the whole game," senior Julie Cichon said.

Sophomore Lauren Stroot scored a game-high 22 points and had 10 rebounds, while junior Valerie Pina had

**"We were capable of beating this team, but we just didn't play our best."**

Lauren Stroot  
Sophomore

12 points and four assists.

"We were capable of beating this team, but we just didn't play our best," Stroot said.

"We allowed the Sagehens to stay in the game," sophomore Alex Mallen said.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the Regals won their final game, defeating Whittier 77-70. Their win was a close call. With a little more than two minutes left in the game, the Poets were up 71-70.

The Regals regained the lead for good after a three-point play by Stroot. With only a few seconds remaining, Mallen drained a three-pointer to seal the victory for the Regals.

Cichon played in her final game, scoring 10 points. She had a team-high of eight rebounds and blocked a shot.

Stroot scored a game-high 24 points, had seven rebounds and four steals. Mallen had 11 points, six rebounds and six assists.

"We let them come back in the second half and they kept it close, but we were able to win in the end," Cichon said.

## Regals misjudge Chapman

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Feb. 27, the No. 18 nationally-ranked California Lutheran University Regals tennis team faced the Chapman College Panthers at home to start another busy weekend for the team. The result, which came favorably to the Regals with a score of 9-0, was a kicker to get ready for the match against the No. 14 nationally-ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

All singles defeated their opponents, and in doubles, No. 1 Hunau/Hansen defeated Lewis/Nova 8-4, No. 2 Novajosky/Murphy defeated Summers/Hoffmann 8-1 and No. 3 Perkins/Smalling defeated Nesbit/Galaso 8-4. The match against the Stags the next morning in Thousand Oaks, Calif. was a different story. The Regals lost to the Stags, 6-3.

"I was really excited because I thought we could win after the doubles, but the result went the other way at the end," sophomore Blair Murphy said.

"We didn't realize how good they were going to be. We started pretty slow in the singles, and once the match got underway, it was too late to climb back up," senior Rebecca Hunau said.

Hunau is ranked No. 47 in the country. The only win for Regals singles was No. 5 Briana Smalling, who defeated Michelle

Rothzeit 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 Jen Hansen lost to Lauren Drew 7-5, 6-2, No. 2 Hunau lost to Jessica Nagasako 7-5, 6-0, and No. 3 Lisa Novajosky lost to Jeannine Liang, 7-5, 6-2. The doubles started favorably to the Regals when the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams of Murphy/Novajosky and Perkins/Smalling defeated their opponents with scores of 8-4 and 8-6 respectively. No. 1 doubles Hansen/Hunau lost to Drew/Liang 8-4.

Head Coach Nancy Garrison was proud of the Regals' performance this weekend.

"On Friday's match, we dealt really well with the intense wind, against Chapman, and then on Saturday's match against Claremont, we played against the best team we have played this season. The girls performed very competitively, and it was a close situation. We want to get them back next time," Garrison said.

**"We didn't realize how good they were going to be ... once the match got underway, it was too late to climb back up."**

Rebecca Hunau  
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# Baseball comes off weekend 2-1

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen baseball team started out shaky on Friday, Feb. 27, but came out hot on Saturday, Feb. 28, as it played Pomona-Pitzer.

The Kingsmen dropped the first game of three to the Sagehens, losing 5-4. The Sagehens tallied two runs in the eighth inning to make the score 5-3. The Kingsmen tried to battle back with a single in the ninth, but it was just not enough.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Hirsh gave up five runs in 7.1 innings and struck out 12 batters. Junior Nick Bjork had two hits and a home run. Junior Danny Chaparro had a pair of hits, as well.

"We are better than how we played on Friday, but Matt Hirsh pitched a good game, and it was just too bad we couldn't get that win," junior Roy Riley said.

The Kingsmen fired it up on Saturday as they battled the Sagehens again. In game one of the double header, the Kingsmen beat the Sagehens 17-3. All of the runs they needed to gain a solid lead were plated within the first inning.

Junior Jon Calmes returned to the mound after being out with an injury. Calmes threw the whole game, striking



Photograph by Dan Norton

Junior Danny Chaparro dives back to first base as the pitcher tries to pick him off.

out eight with no walks.

"It was good to be back on the mound in a starting position. The offense fired 'z-missiles' and drove in the win. I am really proud of the team," Calmes said.

Chaparro, junior Simon Lozano, junior David Ramirez and senior Ryan Hostetler all collected three hits apiece. Chaparro also had three RBIs. Hostetler, sophomore Christian Hariot and senior Ed Edsall all had home runs.

In the second game of the double header, the Kingsmen beat the Sagehens, 9-3.

They, once again, scored all the runs that they would need to secure their lead in the opening inning; seven players crossed the plate.

Junior Dominick Marci pitched a perfect four innings. Hostetler pulled off a three-run home run.

"I think that if we come out with enthusiasm and focus from the start, we make the teams give up, and then we take control over the game, like we did against Pomona-Pitzer," Bjork said. "If we keep playing like this, it would be hard for any team to beat us."



Photograph by Dan Norton

Junior Jeff Cummings takes a swing at the ball and sends a line drive into the field.

## Golf getting into the swing

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen golf team won one tournament and lost another to move to 1-2 in the SCIAAC and 2-2 overall.

The team lost to the University of La Verne Leopards on Thursday, Feb. 26, 306-303. Freshman Tyler Doyle completed the par-71 course with a 72, followed by sophomore Peder Nyhus, who finished 6-up. Senior Jordan Silvertrust finished with a 78, freshman Nick Verner finished with a 79 and junior Jason Poyser and freshman Christian Colunga both finished with an 82.

"I think we were all ready to play," Head Coach Jeff Lindgren said. "We were excited to get some sunshine to play in; the golf course was extremely wet from all the rain. We played lift-clean-and-place, allowing the players to lift the ball, clean it, place it back down and hit it. We kind of let our guard down in the end and we didn't finish as strong as we needed to. I think it cost us the match. The positive thing is that we played well in the beginning; one of our freshmen, Tyler Doyle, shot a 72."

"We had a good day, just disappointing. It was a good match," Poyser said.

The Kingsmen defeated the Chapman University Panthers in a non-conference tournament, 302-332, on Monday, Feb. 23. Poyser and Doyle both finished the par-71 course in Camarillo 5-up. Colunga and Nyhus both finished 7-up. Silvertrust and Verner both finished 8-up.

"We've been playing pretty well in practice," Lindgren said. "We're getting close to where we need to be. I think the guys are getting more confident each day they play. That was the first time in a while that we had six guys score in the 70s."

"We finally put everything together as a team," Doyle said. "Our whole team was under 80."

Lindgren, Doyle and Poyser said that the weather was more suitable for a golf tournament.

"When we played Whittier, that day was super windy," Lindgren said. "When we played Claremont, we played in pouring rain the whole day."

"We finally had a good day of weather; we didn't have to play in 30 mph wind and torrential rain," Poyser said.

At press time, the results for the match against Chapman University were not available.

## Tennis learns from defeat

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Feb. 28, the California Lutheran University Kingsmen ended another big test in SCIAAC play and national play. The Kingsmen this weekend faced the No. 10 nationally-ranked (currently No. 1 in SCIAAC) Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Stags. This weekend they also faced the University of La Verne Leopards and the No. 9 nationally-ranked Mary Washington College Eagles.

One of the main matches that the Kingsmen played this weekend was the match against the Stags. The score favoring the Stags, 1-6, was a loss that marked a new goal for the Kingsmen.

"We are going have to come out huge at the conference tournament, and to do so, we are going to be working harder than we are at the moment," sophomore Joel Wetterholm said.

The only player this weekend to come undefeated in singles from the Kingsmen squad was No. 38 nationally-ranked junior and co-captain Quinn Caldaron. Caldaron won two of his matches in three sets, defeating the No. 1 player (No. 32 nationally) for the Eagles.

"The weekend didn't turn out to be what we liked, but I think that we are going to start heading in the right direction. It made us realize what work we need to do," Caldaron said.

The only win for the Kingsmen against

the Stags was by No. 1 singles Caldaron, who defeated John Charnakoon 0-6, 6-4, 7-6. No. 2 singles J.V. Vallejos lost to William Ellison 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 and No. 3 singles Shara Surabi lost to David Oehm 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

All Kingsmen doubles were defeated as well. No. 1 doubles Arapovic/Vallejos lost to Charnakoon/Ellison 8-2. No. 2 doubles Caldaron/Staley lost to Evan Feldhausen/W. Ellison 8-5, and No. 3 Wetterholm/Junya Hasebe lost to Aaron Fuhrman/Oehm 8-6.

All singles won their matches against the Leopards.

The doubles teams were two for three. No. 1 doubles Vallejos/Arapovic lost to Rodriguez/Cortez 9-8 (8) while No. 2 Caldaron/Staley defeated Horowitz/Samuel 9-7, and No. 3 Felix/Wetterholm defeated Alvarez/Nguyen 8-3.

Once again, the only win for Kingsmen singles was No. 1 Caldaron, who defeated Tim Ryan 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 (0), No. 2 Vallejos lost to Paul Bristow 6-2, 7-6 (0), and No. 3 Surabi lost to Jon Clair 6-3, 6-0.

In doubles, No. 1 Caldaron/Hasebe lost to Bristow/Uyar 9-7, No. 2 Vallejos/Arapovic lost to Nate Hathaway/Ryan 9-8 (8), and No. 3 Staley/Wetterholm lost to Clair/Rogers 8-5.

Head Coach Mike Genette, in spite of the losses this weekend, was proud of the team.

"I think we learned more in defeat than in winning," Genette said.

## Softball loses three in a row to Leopards

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Regals softball team fell to 1-9 overall and 0-3 in SCIAAC after three consecutive losses to the University of La Verne Leopards.

Senior outfielder Carrie Mitchell had one run, went 3-for-4 and threw a runner out from center field, as the Regals lost 4-7 on Friday, Feb. 27, at home. Junior catcher Marlene Merchain had one single and one

triple.

The Regals lost the first game of Saturday's double-header at La Verne 2-9 and the second game 1-3. Mitchell recorded two singles, one RBI, one run and one stolen base in the first game. Sophomore pitcher Gianna Regal allowed three runs in the second game. The team scored one run in the sixth inning.

"We're obviously frustrated where we stand right now," Head Coach Debbie Day said. "But we haven't lost hope that we can

still win the conference. Last year, we had four losses and we won the conference, so it's a possibility. We've just got to start putting some things together."

"We're trying extremely hard," sophomore Olivia Chacon said. "We just need a little momentum and to start a winning streak. The positive thing is we can only go up from here. We need to keep with it and not give up. We need to continue to work at winning."

Sophomore outfielder Monica Schallert

finds a good side to the games and mentions that the team needs to move on.

"I think the team right now is trying to find itself," Schallert said. "The good thing from it is we've got to find an edge to keep us fired up the whole game. We're working on coming together as a team. I just think that this is a bump, and we need to keep looking forward to what happens next."

The Regals travel on March 5 to play their next game against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.



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# California holds primary elections

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

California's primary election proved to be a "Super Tuesday" in the nation's political process as Senator John Kerry won the Democratic party presidential nomination and three of the four proposed ballot measures passed. California Lutheran University students and Thousand Oaks, Calif. area residents came out to participate in the process and to ensure that their votes counted. The election was on March 2.

"To vote is to be an American," said Thousand Oaks resident Kerri Daniels. "It is a gift that we are given, and most people don't appreciate it or understand the power they have."

In this case, the power was in helping choose which of the Democratic candidates would run in the November election against President Bush. It was an important day in the primary stage because 10 states participated. Senator Kerry won nine of the 10, causing Senator John Edwards to drop out of the race.

"In fact, we expect that we will easily do 65 or 70 percent by close at 8 p.m.," said precinct clerk Ed Viggers. "This precinct has had great turnout in the past, and this election should be no different."

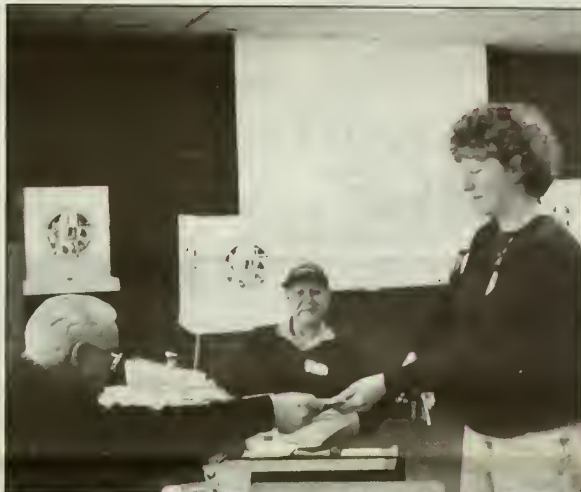
"It is important that everyone votes," said Thousand Oaks resident Michael Conde. "[Voting] shows the spectrum of the experience, from young to old and their different

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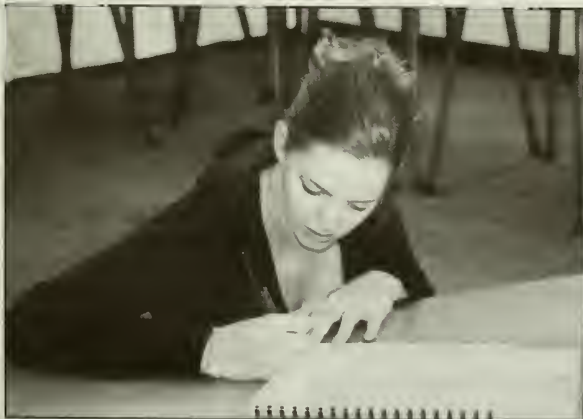
Kerri Daniels  
Thousand Oaks resident

concerns. The spectrum is what makes democracy work."

"Other countries have 100 percent turnout, and the voters often have to wait in line for days just to vote," Malang said. "People



*Having completed making her selections, Thousand Oaks resident Penny Albarran turns in her ballot.*



*After presenting identification, freshman Emily Melander signs in to receive her ballot.*

Kerry won California with 64.5 percent of the vote.

"It is important to vote every time. If I want to enjoy the benefits of being a citizen, I must do my civic duty. It is my duty; it is my privilege," said Meagan Neville, a senior history major at CLU.

Poll Inspector Walter Malang of CLU Precinct 8144 was optimistic about the voter turnout, which reached 30 percent by 2 p.m.

"We always beat what the state says we'll do [in voter numbers]," Malang said. "In the recall, they said we'd do 40 or 50 percent and we actually had 80 percent of voters turn out."

who don't participate get what they ask for: nothing. It's their own fault."

Voter turnout is of particular importance at this stage in the political and governmental process. As the 2004 presidential election looms near and current ballot measures struggle to be recognized, voter participation is paramount.

Although the Democratic nomination was the major topic of conversation this primary, CLU students appeared to be paying particular attention to the propositions on the election ballot. The measures being considered included Proposition 55, Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act;

Proposition 56, State Budget, Related Taxes, and Reserve; Proposition 57, The Economic Recovery Bond Act and Proposition 58, The California Balanced Budget Act.

"The propositions are really important this time. I am paying particular attention to 55 and 56 because I want to teach and these issues will dictate my future. It is important to keep your future in mind when voting," said Holly Hoppman, a senior political science

major.

Proposition 56 was the only one of the measures that failed to pass. It would have allowed legislators to raise taxes with less of an approval margin. Proposition 55 appeared as though it would not pass early in the evening, but in the end, it did.

Propositions 57 and 58, the governor's balanced budget and economic recovery acts, which received widespread bipartisan support, both passed by an overwhelming majority.

"It is important to vote on the legislative issues because often there are hidden agendas," said senior Allie Latrangna, a political science major, "like the proposition that claims to be about 'responsible legislators' but is really about raising taxes. It is important for voters to know what the issues are really about," she said.

"Unfortunately, people don't think that their votes make a difference," said precinct clerk Eleanor Moore, "but they do."



*CLU precinct 8144 representative Robert Lawler checks voters off of the master list.*

Photographs by Stephanie Shaker



## Calendar

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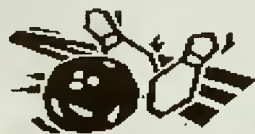
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**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**French Club Meeting**  
F-5  
6 p.m.

**Rotaract Meeting**  
Overton Hall  
8 p.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.

thursday  
march 11

**College Democrats Meeting**  
Nygreen 2  
7 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

friday  
march 12

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Club LU: Bowling**  
Simi Valley Bowl  
9 p.m.

saturday  
march 13

**RHA Siblings Weekend**

**Wacky Wild Hall Olympics**  
Kingsmen Park  
2 p.m.

**Faith and Life Conference**  
P/B Forum  
9 a.m.

**CSC RAIN Project**  
SUB  
Meet at 11 a.m.

sunday  
march 14

**Intramural Softball**  
Gibello Field  
10 a.m.



**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

monday  
march 15

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.



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# Creative Options focuses on women

By Vallerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Women from all over the community came to take part in the 25th annual Creative Options workshop held Saturday, March 6, on the California Lutheran University campus.

Creative Options is a day for women that is organized in part by the Women's Resource Center, as well as the American Association of University Women.

According to the Director of the Women's Resource Center, Dr. Kateri Alexander, this year will be the last that the WRC will hold the annual event.

Lack of university funding has been cited as a possible cause.

The morning began with keynote speaker and best-selling author Cathleen Rountree.

In her speech, she discussed "Glimpses of Creative Women's Lives from 30 to 70."

The women in attendance went around to different information tables and then went to their first workshop for session A.

In session A, there were 24 different workshops that women could attend. Each workshop was approximately 75 minutes and ranged in topic from "Yoga Fitness," presented by yoga instructor Mary Starkweather, to "Key Ingredients for Starting Your Own Business," presented by CEO and founder of California Entrepreneur for Women, Inc., Marilyn York.

Next on the schedule was an hour lunch, followed by session B of the workshops.

In this session, women could attend 24 different workshops on topics such as "Retirement Insurance Planning," presented by Susan Erkrantz and "Achieve Balance with

Feng Shui and Future Trends," presented by owner of Feng Shui Four Balance Pat Sendejas.

Session C had workshops that focused

**"Life is too short to take seriously."**

Sheryl Roush  
Motivational Speaker

on "Meditation and Mindfulness-A Pathway to Joy" with Patricia Van Buskirk and "Estate Planning Facts Every Mom Should

Know," presented by attorney Diedre Dennis Wachbitt.

After all the sessions had been completed, the women met back in the gym to hear the closing speech by motivational speaker Sheryl Roush.

"Life is too short to take it so seriously," Roush said.

Roush's speech, titled, "Sparkletude: Attitude is Everything," focused on four points that included keeping a smile on your face when the day gets you down, ways to stay sane and lighthearted in stressful times, dealing with difficult people and challenging situations and reducing stress and increasing teamwork and beating burnout.

"We're in complete control of our choices," Roush said.

# Benefits of Fair Trade Coffee discussed by students and faculty

By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A small, but influential group of students and faculty members met last week to discuss the benefits of Fair Trade Coffee and the feasibility of serving such coffee on campus.

This grassroots movement of students and faculty, headed by junior John Cummings, was inspired in part by the Lutheran Student Movement and the Lutheran World Relief organization.

Cummings gave a short power-point lecture, outlining the differences between regular trade coffee and Fair Trade Coffee to gather campus support for the movement. He argued that, by switching to Fair Trade Coffee, California Lutheran University could better fulfill the goals

stated in the school's mission statement, namely, to "educate leaders for a global society."

Similar nation-wide movements to buy Fair Trade Coffee are aimed at providing fair and stable coffee prices for

**"If we can get a competitive price and accomplish some social good, then [the switch to Fair Trade Coffee] is possible."**

Luther Luedtke  
CLU President

third-world farmers. In recent decades, Latin American farmers have seen drastic reduction in coffee prices that make it

nearly impossible for them to support their families. Many such farmers are forced each year to take out high-interests loans. As a result of low coffee prices and market surpluses, many farmers are unable to pay off their loans and have their land seized by creditors. Thus, they go from landowners to day laborers and make significantly less money. With fair trade coffee, farmers band together in co-ops, sharing responsibility and risk, and are provided with reasonable interest rates on loans.

Religion Professor Pamela Brubaker spoke after Cummings, drawing on her personal experiences in Latin America.

"When you buy a cup of coffee, about 1 percent of the price goes to the farmers," Brubaker said.

Brubaker emphasized the important difference that CLU students and faculty

members could make by switching to fair trade coffee. She talked about farmers that she had met and how Fair Trade Coffee had changed their lives.

"These people have a sense of decency and pride," Brubaker said of the farmers working with the Lutheran World Relief organization.

CLU President Luther Luedtke attended the meeting and pledged his support for the movement.

"If we can get both a competitive price and accomplish some social good, then [the switch to fair trade coffee] is possible," Luedtke said.

Luedtke warned that the switch may not be easy and would require more effort, by both students and staff.

"The challenge is more of bureaucracy than cost," Luedtke said.

# New budget cuts Cal Grant maximum

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

Four California Lutheran University students and students and administrators from some two dozen independent colleges traveled to Sacramento on Feb. 25 to urge legislators to reject Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to slash private institutions' Cal Grant awards by 44 percent, a cut that would reduce the tuition

**"Basically, it comes down to this: many of us could not afford to go to school without the help of the Cal Grant."**

Dereem McKinney  
senior

aid by more than \$4,200.

According to a CLU news release, the four students who attended the meeting at the state capitol were Matthew Broussard, a sophomore studying mathematics; Colter Fleming, a sophomore majoring in business; Juana Torres, a political science and environmental studies double major,

and Dereem McKinney, a senior majoring in liberal studies with a concentration in science.

"I was very happy that CLU participated in the meeting, and it was great that so many schools got so involved," McKinney said.

The governor's plan would reduce the Cal Grant maximum award, which is based on achievement and financial need, from \$9,708 to \$5,482 for private institutions, as compared to the reduction in public university's funding by a much smaller 8 percent.

"It's a common misconception that private school students are rich and can afford the tuition, so the cuts don't really matter. In fact, quite the opposite is true," McKinney said. "Statistics show that the families of students who receive Cal Grants at public universities earn, on average, about \$10,000 more a year than the families of private school students. The proposed cuts are, then, significantly more unfair to those of us who attend private schools."

"The reduction in the Cal Grant is a short-sighted recommendation on the governor's part," said Darryl Calkins, dean of admissions. "The Cal Grant is really the one thing that makes it possible

for private school and independent institution students to attend."

CLU Director of Communications Lynda Fulford said the cuts will effectively "reduce the choices that California residents have to attend private universities."

"This is a major issue, particularly for public universities that are already having trouble making room for students," Fulford said. "It is very difficult to get into state and UC schools as it is. This will just further reduce the choices and potential for California students."

Although the proposal will not affect current CLU students, it will affect 2004 incoming freshmen, many of whom may have based their decision to attend a private university on their ability to pay for the considerably higher tuition via the Cal Grant.

"Basically, their funds are cut in half. This is a major impact on incoming students and will cause many to rethink their school options," Fulford said.

"The Cal Grant gives [students] a choice; without it we cannot afford the tuition and are forced to only consider attending public universities. This will compound the overcrowding problem

already occurring there," McKinney said.

"There is already a high level of undue pressure upon public institutions," Calkins said. "The cuts will create even more overcrowding and force more students into a system that is already overstressed and struggling. As it stands now, it takes about five years for a UC student to graduate and about six for a state school student. There are simply not enough classes or too few seats available to the students."

"This situation affects everyone, not just the students. Private institutions do more specialization in majors, which means students are often more qualified when they graduate," McKinney said. "This enhances the job market and the community as well."

"Basically, it comes down to this: many of us could not afford to go to school without the help of the Cal Grant. I am one of those students," McKinney said. "Any time you cut education, it is never a good thing. I just can't understand how the governor doesn't recognize the harm that this will do in the long run."

Students who are interested to learn more about the cuts in the Cal Grant should contact Calkins in the office of admissions at x3135 or Fulford at x3839.



## NEWS

## Frank Maguire speaks at MLF

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University held its 34th annual Mathew's Leadership Forum. This year's theme was "Discover the Courage to Succeed." Francis "Frank" X. Maguire was the keynote speaker for the event, which was held on March 4.

Maguire is currently the president of Maguire Communications. He has been involved as a senior executive with companies such as Kentucky Fried Chicken, ABC and American Airlines and was a founder of Federal Express.

He is also an accomplished author, having written a book for motivating employees, called "You're the Greatest!"

MLF, put on by the university in conjunction with the CLU Community Leaders Association and Rotaract, is a chance for successful business people in and around Thousand Oaks, Calif., to come and talk to CLU students.

Approximately 250 students, faculty and community members attended. To entice more CLU students to sign up for the event, the planning committee offered all students who attended a free pizza coupon and a free movie ticket.

"To be honest with you, I went due to the free movie and a pizza, but then I was placed at the head table and got to sit next to Frank Maguire and Jim Parson, the host ... to sum it up, I had an amazing experience," junior Jared Perry said.

A facilitator from the business com-

munity, a CLU student and a faculty member hosted each table. The other five seats were randomly assigned to CLU students and business leaders in order to create a good dynamic for discussion.

To kick off the evening, Jim Parson, chairperson of the MLF planning committee welcomed all in attendance. A welcome address from CLU President Luther Luedtke followed. The round table discussion then commenced.

The facilitator at each table had a set of five questions about courage to ask his or her table. These prompter questions helped to create a good environment for talking about business leadership and how courage plays a part. Table discussions lasted 45 minutes, and most continued into the dinner portion of the evening. After dinner, there was time for sponsor recognition, where all sponsors of the event were acknowledged for their part in making MLF a success.

Just over two hours into the evening, Maguire addressed the crowd.

Maguire turned the fox's wise statement in "The Little Prince" into a theme for his talk: "It is only with the heart that one can see clearly. What is essential about you is invisible to the eye."

He told many stories about his life that related to knowing yourself.

One such story told of Maguire and Col. Sanders walking through Red Square in Russia, toward the Kremlin, and groups of Russians kept passing by, muttering to themselves. Col. Sanders, annoyed at not being recognized in Russia as he is

elsewhere in the world, testily demanded to know what they were saying. Finally, Maguire turned to him and said, "Colonel, don't worry about it. I know what they're saying ... They're saying, 'Who's that with Frank McGuire?'" Maguire continued, "The moral of this story is that each and every one of us craves recognition. Every one of us needs it, we feed off of it, and we spend such little time getting to know and recognize who we are, ourselves."

"Young men and women of this university, you are starting on your journey.

When you are 70, you'll be starting on your journey. Life is a journey," Maguire said. "What is essential about you has nothing to do with the car you drive, the house you live in, the portfolio you used to manage. What is essential about you is the life behind your eyes."

"I was very captivated by his address and was inspired to change how I do some things in my life," Perry said.

Besides a few table assignment problems early on, the evening was a huge success. I think everyone really enjoyed Frank's motivational stories," planning committee member Jason Soyster said.

The event ended with a question and answer session where Maguire told the story of how he had the opportunity to tutor Marilyn Monroe in philosophy right after graduating from college. He followed the question and answer session with a book signing where members of the audience were able to get their books signed.

## CLU faculty members promoted

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Beverly Bryde  
Randall Donohue

## Elected to Tenure and advanced to Associate Professor

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Please note that records can also be erased using the Delete button on the data entry form.

If you have any questions regarding using the data entry form in Excel, please contact the Help Desk at x3698 or help@clunet.edu.

## Corrections

The story "CLU changing GPA req.'s for honors" from issue No. 16 on Feb. 25 was originally credited to Valerie Vallejos. The actual writer of the story was Tammy Austin. In addition, the feature, from issue No. 17 on March 3, titled "Blessings given at Ash Wednesday concert" was credited to Yuridia Perez. The feature was actually written by Kristina Sterling.

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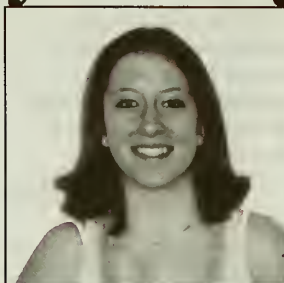
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## What is your biggest pet peeve?



Toby Spittberger, human development, 2007

"Dirty bathrooms."



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"People who lie."



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"When your roommates eat your food."



Marisa Santelli, history, 2007

"When guys wear sandals with long pants."



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## Car of the Week



Car of the Week is compiled by Kyle Peterson.

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# FEATURES

## Study Abroad: A school without classroom walls

By Tina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

"Enlightening" and "something everybody should do" is how California Lutheran University senior Josh Kramer described his semester abroad in France. It is a sentiment shared by many who take advantage of a study abroad program. CLU's Study Abroad programs offer students semester to year programs to 28 other countries. The choices range from South Africa to Italy and Costa Rica to England. There is literally something for everyone.

However, most CLU students don't take advantage of it. Political science professor Herbert Gooch is the director of the CLU office of Study Abroad and helps students through the process, which is easier than most think.

When is the best time, what about the money and what about classes, are all questions that Gooch hears from students.

"Generally, junior year is the best time," Gooch said. "When you figure you can go primarily after you finished the core [21] and you're a little bit older and more mature."

There are different ways to economize

the trip. The study abroad programs, offered mainly to the school of business, are called direct exchanges. This is when there is a direct tie between CLU and the international school. With this, all of the CLU financial aid, state and local, stay with the student at the other school. The other situation is called a broker program. This is when the students choose one of a few colleges in the desired area but go through a different program. With this, the student's state and federal aid goes, but not his or her CLU specific aid.

"With the direct exchange programs, usually your tuition here covers that. So, if you live here (on campus) your room and board, quite often, is about the same, but if you went to Europe you'd have to add in the airplane fare," Gooch said.

Still, economic issues shouldn't get in the way of a student studying abroad.

"I always tell people that even if it ends up that you leave some of the scholarship money on the table here for a semester and maybe even borrow a couple thousand dollars, in 10 years from now you'll look back and what you'll remember is three and a half years CLU and one semester in England or Thailand or India or Australia or wherever it might be. It's worth it," Gooch said.

**"I think it should be mandatory for every major to go abroad. It teaches about not only where you go but about yourself."**

Josh Kramer  
Senior

The question of classes is the other main issue. Gooch strongly advises students to work with their advisors during the process.

"Find out what you can transfer back and mostly also what you need," Gooch said. "Generally, try to think that in going abroad whatever you get, those units will count. Think of them as electives. If you could also get it to count for your major or core, it's just icing on the cake."

The CLU office of Study Abroad can help students figure out what questions they need to be asking and evaluate the potential schools. CLU sophomore Lindsey Rothbaum is currently in the process of doing the paperwork to go to Australia in the fall.

"Everything has been really more simple

than I thought," said Rothbaum. "I started thinking about going last fall when there was a stand for studying abroad outside the caf. I still have to get approved, but as far as the process, it's been easy."

Kramer, who studied at Marseilles in France last semester, is adamant about the importance of the study abroad programs.

"I think it's a real shame students aren't taking advantage," Kramer said. "I think it should be mandatory for every major to go abroad. It teaches about not only where you go, but about yourself."

Gooch, who himself studied abroad as a student, encourage CLU students to pursue the opportunity.

"I think the real thing is if you decide you want to go, you really shouldn't let anything stand in your way. If you really want to go you'll find a way to do it," Gooch said. "The great thing about studying abroad is it's a school without classroom walls. Your whole environment is a place to challenge, learn and teach. It's really wonderful."

Anyone interested in learning more about studying abroad can visit CLU's Study Abroad website at [www.clunet.edu/Campus\\_Life/StudyAbroad/](http://www.clunet.edu/Campus_Life/StudyAbroad/) or call x3750.

## Women's Resource Center hosts art exhibition

By Yuridia Perez  
STAFF WRITER

This year, the Women's Resource Center decided to hold an art exhibition displaying various pieces of women's art to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Creative Options.

Creative Options is "a day for women." This event is presented by the Women's Resource Center and by the American Association of University Women. The director of the Women's Resource Center, Kateri Alexander, and art professor Jerald Slattum helped put the event together.

The Women's Resource Center sought pieces of art that were well-rounded and created specifically by women artists but were not limited to paintings of or revolving around

women. Photography was also considered.

Artists who displayed their art in support of the Women's Resource Center for the purpose of Creative Options day included Valerie Crooks, Lisa Koger, Ashley Gibb and Carmel Rivello Maguire.

Crooks's entry consisted of a watercolor design of "Le Matin, Selles, France." It included houses, a lake's edge, trees, pines and boats. The picture presented a mirror image of the scenery in the lake's edge.

One of the more unique pieces of art was Gibb's. Called "Women's History," it was made using acrylic and paper decoupage. It revealed a drawing of a face that appeared to be excited yet half hidden at the same time.

March 9 was the official day for

"Women in the Arts: Celebrating 25 Years of Creative Options." It took place in the Kwon Fong Gallery, where those who attend had a chance to meet with the Women's Resource Center and tour the gallery afterward. Some of the artists whose art was displayed were at the gallery to talk about their art.

Upcoming Women Resource Center events include the Brown Bag Series. The next Brown Bag is on March 16 and is titled "Meet Amelia Earhart—My Cousin" with Ernst Tonsing.

The Brown Bag series is held every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the E building.

For more information, contact the Women's Resource Center Director Kateri Alexander at ext. 3345.



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# Guide for safe and lasting tattoos and piercings

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

Tattoos and piercing are not only an expression of individuality but they also provide artistic vision. Many California Lutheran University students have chosen to decorate their bodies with permanent art.

However, responsibility comes with using this form of art. Maintaining a tattoo or piercing is important because infection or disfigurement of newly tattooed skin can occur in the early stages.

The tattoo artist should explain how to maintain the tattoo or piercing for the first two weeks.

The first step to any tattoo is to make sure that the area stays away from water, sun and other people's hands. The tattooed area should be in an incubation period.

The second step is to remember to keep the tattooed area moist. The tattoo artist will be able to give more detail in the products that can be used.

Third, do not scratch or pick at the tattooed area. This is how disfigurement can take

place.

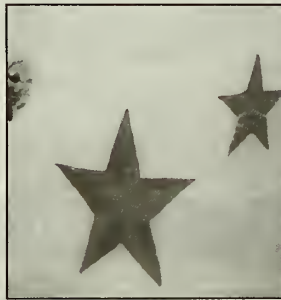
After initial healing, be sure to put sunscreen on the tattooed area, ensuring that it will not fade or cause disfigurement in the future.

To care for a piercing is to allow time for the pierced skin to heal properly, meaning no playing or tampering with the pierced area. This can cause infection.

Second, remember to gently wash the area entirely, and remove any crust from around the piercing. The professional who gave the piercing should be able to provide tips and product names for completing this task. The piercing also needs to breathe, meaning wearing clothing that confines the area can be detrimental. Sweat can cause irritation, thus causing infection.

Whether one chooses to pierce or tattoo, remember that one's body needs to be maintained and treated right in order to enjoy the lasting effects of body art. When getting any body modification done, be sure to ask questions.

For more information regarding tattoo and piercing safety, contact the Health Center at ext. 3552.



Photography by Bell Lopez.

CLU students show off their tattoos and piercings.



## Exercise is important for mental and physical health

By Farima Nojoumi  
STAFF WRITER

The need for exercise and a healthy diet is important. To keep healthy, the heart needs to be taken above the resting heart rate every so often. That doesn't happen surfing the net or lounging in front of the tube. Here are some tips to help keep in shape and stay healthy. It's easy to make some simple life changes now because your body is more adaptable to change when you are young.

1. Add some extra fruit and fruit juices to your diet.
2. Add some more of your favorite veggies to your day.
3. Think about your food by the week and slowly decrease the junk food.
4. Add more water to your diet.

The key is to work it into your daily life and most importantly...have fun!

### What's In It For Me?

1. You will be able to do physical things without feeling like you're having a heart attack.
2. You will feel a sense of accomplishment because you have stuck to your goals.
3. You will look and feel great!

Remember that the hardest part is starting — just go for it!

## "The Riverboat Gamblers" full of heartache

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

The Riverboat Gamblers self-titled record is crucial for anyone in need of an album to take over where the MCS and Radio Birdman left off. The Riverboat Gamblers are what The Datuns and Jet wish they could be, discounting the fact that the latter two weren't so horrible.

I listened to this record for the first time in my car on the

way to Target. I unwillingly left the car (and the Gamblers record), only to find myself tempted to do Pete Rose slides into the gardening tools section. The energy on this record is absolutely absurd. It is chock-full of sloppy, Wayne Kramer-inspired solos and lyrics about drinking, gambling and fighting. "The Riverboat Gamblers" has such a sloppy, whiskey-influenced sound that my liver quivers every time I listen to it. The band brings it like

Johnny Thunders did, but with the force of the Stooges. In these days of garage/proto-punk thievery, the Gamblers are gold in a sea of pyrite. Have no apprehension, kids; this is the real deal. I am late to the game. A friend of mine told me how ridiculous this record is six months ago. Like Lou Reed, I am just beginning to see the light.

Opener "Jenna" is a drunk sing-along about being stood up. "High Roller" is a raunchy, AC/DC inspired piece of Gibson SG/Les Paul feed trash. "Drink

Alone" is pretty self-explanatory. I don't even need to go on.

This album is so good, only a stubborn, grizzled old man like myself would let it slip my grasp for a full six months. This record is in contention with 'The Starvations' "Get Well Soon" and 'The Pogues' "Rum, Sodomy and the Lash" as my favorite drinking record.

Again, this album is so crucial I would recommend foregoing your next dental appointment for it.

## It's RAINing Love for CLU volunteers

By Katie Crosbie  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Curfews are strictly enforced. Passes must be obtained in order to leave for the weekend. Chores are to be completed in a timely fashion, and 80 percent of all income must be deposited into a savings account. Drugs or alcohol may not be consumed on or off the premises; breathalyzers and urine tests monitor this.

No, these rules are not a recent addition to the California Lutheran University student handbook. They are the policies of RAIN Project Transitional Living Center in Camarillo, Calif., and their purpose is to help people become more stable.

RAIN was founded in 1997 as a refuge for the homeless from the cold El Niño weather. It has since evolved into a transitional living center in a newly renovated building with a capacity of 90 people.

"A shelter is somewhere that people go overnight to get something to eat and get out of the cold, but then they have to leave the next day," said Bob Costello, a social worker at RAIN. "Our place is open 24 hours each

day, 365 days every year. People come and live here for long periods of time; the average is six months."

RAIN is funded not only by Ventura County, but also by the federal government and through private donations. This enables residents to take advantage of a comprehensive list of services. Residents are given subsidized childcare, transportation, counseling, food, supplies and a room. The facility is child-friendly, and educational activities take place on a regular basis.

Volunteers join the staff of 24 people to play games with the children, tutor them and read to them. Sophomore Allyson Fredericksen and junior John Cummings first visited RAIN on CLU's Service Day in September. They have volunteered there ever since.

"The kids are just so full of life; I can't help but go back," Fredericksen said. "They give me a better understanding of how it is possible to be happy without having all the material possessions in the world. I gain joy from interacting with the kids. I don't think I give them half as much as they give me."

Cummings finds that volunteering at RAIN gives him a new perspective on life.

"It gets my mind off myself, and I get

to experience what life is like for a child who lives there," Cummings said. "It is a really supportive environment; the people who work there really care."

Employees help residents secure a job within their first 30 days of living at RAIN. Residents are then required to put 80 percent of their earnings into a special savings account.

"We keep it for them until they're ready to leave," Costello said. "Then we assist them in getting housing, and we equip them with everything we can — like donated furniture, pots and pans. We want their saved money to be spent on things like rent and car maintenance."

RAIN employees follow up with former residents for two years following their departure. Costello said that about 80 percent of former residents are successful in terms of maintaining a steady job and managing their money. Volunteers such as Fredericksen and Cummings work to try to increase that success rate.

"There are people out there who really need to know that others care about them," Cummings said. "By volunteering, college students really can make a difference."



# OPINION

## When Deadhead's vote



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*"If music be the food of love, play on."*  
-William Shakespeare

In the past year, two great musicians from the 1960s have been arrested in New York on drug charges. Art Garfunkel, half of the duo Simon and Garfunkel, was arrested in January for possession of six grams of marijuana. Veteran rocker David Crosby, of Crosby, Stills and Nash, was arrested last Saturday for possession of one ounce of marijuana and a handgun.

It's time the government established a grandfather clause for the lost minstrels of the Free Love Generation like Crosby and Garfunkel. Arresting musicians such as these for doing the same thing they've done for the last thirty or forty years is the equivalent

of looting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Although, it is possible to imagine the diabolical cultural looting fantasies of more fanatical members of the Religious Right who believe the Beatles were Satan's worst hell-spawn, most Americans would be outraged at the sight of Dickey Betts' (the Allman Brothers Band) 1957 Gibson Les Paul Electric Guitar being hacked to pieces and burned by an angry mob of preachers. Just imagine what they would do to Neal Young's tattered leather jacket or John Lennon's Sgt. Pepper's uniform.

If the NRA members and other gun nuts who own banned assault weapons are protected by grandfather clauses, it seems only fair that rock 'n' roll fans should be able to protect the living relics of the 1960s.

After all, assault weapons kill people, while weed just inspires aging rockers to "keep on truckin'". However, these are strange times and such legal disparities are to be expected when a half-crazed cowboy lives in the White House.

Outlaw journalist Hunter S. Thompson once wrote, "If every Deadhead voted, this country would be a different place." And indeed it would be. Certainly Deadheads and others of that ilk would not stand for laws that require Crosby to be shackled and imprisoned for puffing on an oversized joint. This is not to say that all of America's problems would

**"If every Deadhead voted, this country would be a different place."**

Hunter S. Thompson  
Journalist

be solved if more Deadheads went to the ballot box. Indeed, some things would be more difficult. Imagine what would happen if nine years after his death, Jerry Garcia received ten percent of the popular vote and caused an instant runoff vote between Bush and John Kerry. Enough of this wild gibberish — the sad truth here is that, unlike NRA members, most Deadheads don't vote.

It is important to point out that I am not advocating for famous musicians to be held above the law. The law should come down with vengeance when Michael Jackson (allegedly) molests young boys or R. Kelly (allegedly) urinates on underage girls. Undoubtedly, crimes like that deserve Punishment.

The Law should focus on real criminals and not waste taxpayer's time and money on recreational marijuana users like Crosby or Garfunkel.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Echo,

Visit the White House, tour the Smithsonian, go to the National Gallery of Art, attend a Congressional hearing: these are all things that you can do if you participate in the Lutheran College Washington Semester. I am currently spending the semester in D.C. and have enjoyed every minute of it.

Each semester, California Lutheran University (CLU), along with several other Lutheran colleges nationwide, send 5 students to study and intern in our nation's Capital [sic]. A variety of internships are available, including working for a senator or congressman or working with a non-profit advocacy group. You do not have to be a political science major in order to enjoy a semester in Washington, virtually every field has a connection in Washington. I am not a political science major myself; I am a double major in

marketing communication and psychology. I am interning at Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and have gained a great deal of valuable, hands-on experience since I have been here. Some things I have had the opportunity to do at work include attending a Press Conference at the National Press Club and assisting in setting up a photo shoot for the President of CDF. Experiences such as these have provided me with an opportunity to get an in-depth conception of the nature of CDF and the Non-Profit business.

D.C. also has a lot to offer outside of the workplace. There is always a lot to do; and, if you're not 21, there are nightspots designated specifically for you. Washington also is home to a number of wonderful museums, many of which have free admission.

An added advantage of participating in the Lutheran College Washington Semester is the housing situation. We

live in Arlington, VA and the apartments are located right across the bridge from Georgetown and D.C. From my balcony (yes, the apartments are on the top floor and all have balconies) I can see the Washington Monument, the Capitol building, Georgetown and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

I would recommend a semester in D.C. to anyone who likes to travel or to anyone looking to broaden his or her horizons. It has been a great experience so far for me!

For information on the Lutheran College Washington Semester go to the CLU study abroad Web site or contact Professor Gooch at gooch@clunet.edu.

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# OPINION

## Gibson strikes cord with "Passion"

By Brandee J. Tecson  
COLUMNIST

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

The wait is finally over. After months of heated debate and controversy, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" opened on Feb. 25 to astounding numbers, selling out numerous venues and catering to the madness surrounding this heated religious debate.

Several church leaders have bought out theaters in order to showcase the film to their congregation. Pastors are singing the film's praise from the pulpit. Parents are bringing their children to see the film, in order for them to experience the sacrifice that Christ made for them.

Whatever the reason, "The Passion of the Christ" is well on its way to becoming one of the most successful films in history. The film took in \$23.6 million on its opening day, the largest opening ever for an independent film, plus an additional \$3 million in advance ticket sales. In its first week alone, "The Passion" brought in over \$135 million.

And clamor over the film has only grown louder since its theatrical release. Believers and skeptics alike have sold out theaters across the country to see Gibson's depiction of the final 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ. And with its release on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, leading up to Easter, the film shows no signs of slowing down.

In fact, in a recent poll by ReelSource, a movie industry tracking firm, 76 percent of those who saw the movie would recommend it to others to see and 32 percent said that they plan on seeing "The Passion" again.

Advance screenings were provided to many religious groups, opening a forum for many to either support or reject the film. Immediately, criticism arose, accusing Gibson's film of being anti-Semitic by implying that the Jews were the ones responsible for Christ's death.

Gibson addressed the issue in a recent interview with journalist Diane Sawyer. When asked if he was anti-Semitic, Gibson said, "No, of course not. For me, it goes against the tenets of my faith, to be racist in any form. To be anti-Semitic is a sin. It's been condemned by one Papal Council after another. There are encyclicals on it, which is, you know — to be anti-Semitic is to be un-Christian, and I'm not."

So who is responsible for the death of Christ? "We're all responsible," he stated.

Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrays Jesus in the film, agrees with Gibson. "We're all culpable for the death of Christ," said Caviezel, a devout Catholic. "My sins and your sins put him up there and that's what sacrifice is about. I think at the end of the day, when people see it, they'll realize it's a love story. It's about love, hope, forgiveness and sacrifice."

Gibson cites the film as his labor of love, co-writing, directing and shelling out the film's \$25 million budget out of his own pocket.

The film is a bloody, and some say too

graphic, depiction of Christ's last hours and crucifixion on the cross. The term "passion" in the title is used in its original Latin context, meaning "suffering."

"The reality of crucifixion and scourging is a harsh reality," said Gibson, explaining that the graphic material was essential in portraying an accurate depiction of Christ's sacrifice for his people.

"I wanted it to be shocking. And I also wanted it to be extreme. I wanted it to push the viewer over the edge. And I do that. I think it pushes one over the edge. So, that they see the enormity, the enormity of that sacrifice; to see that someone could endure that and still come back with love and forgiveness, even through extreme pain and suffering and ridicule."

"It is brutal but it is not gratuitous, and it's not just aimless violence. It's a sacrifice," Caviezel said. "It's the greatest love of all."

Gibson has said the film "is my version of what happened, according to the Gospels and what I wanted to show, the aspects of it I wanted to show."

He added that the film is "very violent, and if you don't like it, don't go, you know? That's it. If you want to leave halfway through, go ahead. You know, there's nothing that says you have to stay there."

While there have been those who protest the film, there are many critics who applaud Gibson's work.

"What Gibson has provided for me, for the first time in my life, is a visceral idea of what the Passion consisted of," said Roger Ebert of the Chicago-Sun Times.

Richard Corliss of Time Magazine said, "In dramatizing the torment of Jesus' last 12 hours, he has made a serious, handsome, excruciating film that radiates total commitment."

Few mainstream directors have poured so much of themselves into so uncompromising a production. Whatever the ultimate verdict on Gibson's "Passion," it's hard not to admire Gibson's passion."

As for myself, at the end of the closing credits, I found myself sitting in a dark theater, surrounded by others who were similarly transfixed by what they had just seen. I was moved by the simplicity, yet realistic depiction of the sacrifice on which millions like me have based their faith. This is the core of the Christian belief.

And to those who deem the film as "too graphic?" Shame to you. In certain aspects, I did not think the film was graphic enough to show the reality and enormity of the sacrifice that Christ took upon himself that day. It is absolutely hypocritical and ignorant to think that a film that depicts the passion of Christ would be flowered with roses.

This is real and if you can't accept that this happened, then take a second look at yourself and your beliefs.

Furthermore, people are focusing on the wrong things in regard to this film. "The Passion of the Christ" is not a movie about who did what to whom or who is to blame; it is a film about who Jesus was and what he did for us all. It is a film about his sacrifice. And for that, we should all be thankful.

## Guest Editorial

By Nicole Rizkallah  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

From my art class to my business class to my English class and to almost every class, I am bombarded with anti-American and even more so anti-Bush comments. I hear it from my classmates, but mostly I hear it from my professors. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but it irritates me when teachers advertise their feelings in class like they are an authority on the issue — just do your job and teach me the subject you are being paid to teach. The worst part is they squeeze in their comments in between lectures so that they say what they want without giving students a chance to comment. I want to remind teachers of the influence they hold on students and that their remarks, whether true or not, need to be conveyed in a civilized and just manner at an appropriate time and place.

If I hear one more teacher say, "America is the big bully that shoves around every other country to get its way," or "Bush is the biggest idiot for going to war; I never understand what the hell he is talking about," or "Thanks

to Bush, other countries have reason to hate America," I will seriously throw up. I mean are these teachers forgetting that this freedom of speech that they exercise is a privilege that America has granted them (which by the way was done so through the use of war)? Perhaps, they should take a sabbatical in Saudi Arabia or any other Middle Eastern country to realize how blessed they are to be living and working in America. Instead, they proclaim how America is evil and does not allow other countries to live "freely." I put the word "freely" in quotes because the citizens in those countries are far from free since they are not granted input into their political system and definitely not allowed to speak out against their country, lest they want a fetwah, where if a person speaks out against Islam there is a ransom for his/her murder.

Then professors have the audacity to declare at every chance they get in class (time I am paying them for) that Bush is evil for going to war with Iraq. Whether you are pro-war or not does not matter because the underlying issue is that Bush's intentions were far from evil and there is no reason why they should be

discussing this in class. It is highly inappropriate to advertise political opinions in class. The professors' job is to remain neutral, present both sides, and allow students to formulate their own opinions.

Bush went to war to protect America from possible terrorist threats and to free the Iraqi citizens who lived in fear of their own government. In response to the WMD issue, after discovering thousands of grave sites and corpses of dead children, American soldiers said that even if they do not find WMD, the war was worth it. In addition, Germany, France, England, and other countries all believed Iraq to be building WMD; so it is not just a random, crazy belief. I am not claiming there were not other reasons for going to war or that Bush's administration is perfect, but need I refresh everyone's memory of how gruesome Saddam Hussein treated his citizens and what evil truly encompasses? Okay, okay, I will. Hussein tortured innocent men, women, and children by beating them with various objects, tying them upside down to a ceiling fan and then beating them, raping them, throwing infants on a wall so that his/her brain

would splash of the parents' faces, shocking them at various body parts (including the genitals), tying their feet up and beating the bottoms until they bled, cutting off various body parts, sticking long tubes through the anus, and let's not forget the crucifixions he held. All this and I hear from my teachers that Bush is Evil, not Hussein! If anything, the result of this war was to put an end to this truly evil dictator; so I beg to all teachers — please stop with all the anti-American propaganda! The most interesting part is that 70% of Americans supported Bush's decision to go to war; yet, teachers parade about as if their opinions are in the majority. No wonder people refer to college as a bubble of non-reality.

I know America is far from perfect, but if there is any other country you prefer to live in by all means leave and stop criticizing what I think is the best country to be part of during class time where I am supposed to be getting an "education." The sad truth is I could put up with all of this if I had heard at least one positive statement on America from at least one professor. Call me a dreamer, but I am praying for that day to come.

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# Kingsmen baseball wins four more, adding to six-game winning streak



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Sophomore Matt Hirsh releases a pitch to the batter. Hirsh carried a no-hitter into the eighth inning.

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team had an outstanding week, winning all four games it played this



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Junior Clay Alarcon slides safely into third base. Alarcon hit two grand-slams in this week's play.

week.

CLU took on Ohio Northern on Thursday, March 4. The Kingsmen scored six runs in the fourth to push CLU to a lead of 12-3.

"Ohio Northern was a young team. They had 16 freshmen, but they played pretty well for being so young. I thought that we went out there and played well. Not all the starters played, so it was good to see some of the other guys out there," junior Billy Weber said.

Junior Clay Alarcon had an outstanding day; he smashed a grand-slam home run to left center. Alarcon and junior David Ramirez had six of CLU's hits. Ramirez

also had three RBIs, while senior Jake Highsmith plated two.

Weber picked up the win, only giving up two runs on five hits, while striking out four in five innings.

The Kingsmen took on Occidental on Friday, March 5. It was an easy win for the Kingsmen, as they crushed the Tigers 12-0. This is also the fourth win in a row for the Kingsmen.

Alarcon had another grand-slam home run and crossed the plate four times. Junior Danny Chapparo, senior Johnnie Machado and junior Mike Cerda had a pair of hits. Alarcon, Chapparo and junior Simon

Lozano all stole bases.

"Matt Hirsh pitched a good game, and defense did its best to keep no hits going," senior Ryan Hostetler said. "We all supported him, and we came out victorious."

The Kingsmen again took on Occidental Saturday, March 6. The Kingsmen won the double-header by beating them in the first game, 10-1, and crushing them in a scorefest of 29-0 in the second game.

Alarcon continued his hot streak by hitting home runs in both games. He went two-for-five with four RBIs. In game two, he went four-for-five with a homer and three singles. Lozano and junior Jeff Cummings smacked a pair of home runs with Cumming's home run a grand-slam. Senior Ed Edsall also went yard. Senior Mike Kaczowka, senior Geoff Buchanan and Hostetler joined Alarcon with long balls. Junior Jon Calmes picked up the win, opening with four strike-outs.

"We just played as a team. The nine guys that go out there know what to do and get the job done. It is going to be hard for any team to beat us; they either have to come out at the top of their game or we would have to make a bunch of mistakes," Hostetler said. "We really did well this week. I am proud of the team."

## Softball takes two from Claremont-Mudd-Scripps



Photograph by Todd Kugler

Freshman Danielle Everson is just about to release the ball in hopes of striking out her opponent.

By Scott Flanders  
SPORTS INFO DIRECTOR

The California Lutheran University softball team won both games of a dou-

ble-header against conference opponent Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Saturday. The Regals won the first game 6-2 and pulled out the second game in dramatic fashion, winning 7-6.

Cal Lutheran upped its record to (3-10, 2-5) while the Athenas dropped to (8-5, 4-2).

In game one, the Regals put up three runs in the first inning and let pitcher Danielle Everson coast the rest of the way. Cal Lutheran picked up three more runs in the fifth inning to ensure the victory.

Monica Schallert had two hits, two RBIs, two stolen bases and scored a run. Carrie Mitchell added two hits and a run scored. Danielle Everson pitched all seven innings for the Regals and allowed just two runs while picking up her first win of the season.

Ashley Fricks pitched six innings for Claremont and gave up six runs (five earned runs). Kirstin Wilson and Kristen Linscott each added two hits



Photograph by Todd Kugler

Close call! Senior Emily Otineru has her foot on the base, ready to make the catch.

for the Athenas.

In the second game, Cal Lutheran got off to a fast start again. The Regals scored four runs in the first two innings. They would hold the lead until the top of the seventh when the Athenas put together three runs to give themselves a two-run lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Regals scored three runs to win their third game of the season.

Olivia Chacon pitched a complete game for Cal Lutheran and notched her second victory of the season. Carrie Mitchell scored twice for the Regals, and Shannon Teverbaugh had two RBIs.

Kristen Linscott was credited with the loss for Claremont. Kirstin Wilson put together three hits, two stolen bases and a run scored in the losing effort.

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# Dance team decides to have fun



Photograph Courtesy of Lauren Powell

Dancers pose for the camera before their performance at half-time. Not pictured: Kiro Waddell, Ashley Reagon.

By Tawny Ingwaldson  
SPORTS EDITOR

For many years, the university's sports teams have been privileged to have the California Lutheran University dance team

perform on the field or court during half-time.

This established club has been entertaining CLU crowds for many years. Despite its decision to start moving away from being so serious and including more lighthearted, fun-based routines, this year's dancers have proved



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

The CLU dance team shows off their stuff during the last men's basketball home game of the season. to the audience that their routines take a lot of practice.

"A lot of the students see us perform and it looks fun, but we dedicate a lot of time to these performances," senior co-captain Lauren Powell said. "There is so much hard work and effort that goes into it."

The dancers recently decided to put more personality into their performances rather than sticking only to basic dance technique.

"We have taken a more sexual route with our routines," senior co-captain Jeda Higgs said. "We do a lot of body-rolls and head-thrashing."

After try outs for the '03-04 dance team, captains junior Kari Bygd, Higgs and Powell

decided to start a dance camp.

"At 7:30 a.m., we would run through conditioning and technique classes," Bygd said. "After that, we would break for lunch in the cafeteria. Then, we would come back and practice our routines."

Camp allowed the team to bond as the members pushed one another to improve their skills.

The team's dedication to dance means that each performance improves on the one before.

"The dances keep getting harder because the dancers keep getting better," Powell said.

The dance team will be holding try outs for the '04-05 season after spring break.

# Cheerleading has new reputation



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

The CLU cheerleaders perform the "Swedish falls" stunt at half-time during the Kingsmen basketball game.

By Tawny Ingwaldson  
SPORTS EDITOR

Starting off a season with an unfavorable reputation is never easy, but it is something the '03-04 California Lutheran University cheerleaders must deal with and overcome. Cheerleading at CLU hasn't been taken seriously in previous years.

Freshman co-captain Megan Pappas knew during try outs what she was getting herself into.

"I was totally aware of the reputation before, and this year the goal was to change everyone's perspective," Pappas said.

Junior co-captain Mady Stacy is the only returning member from the '02-03 cheer squad.

"This year, we are taking it to another level," Stacy said.

Audiences may take that comment literally, as the cheerleaders perfectly executed the "Swedish falls" stunt at their last performance of the year. "Swedish falls" is a three-stack stunt in which the bases (the women on bot-

tom) hold flyers (the women in the air), who hold flyers on top of them.

This is no easy feat; it takes practice, determination and trust to put on a crowd-pleasing performance.

Sunting requires an exceptional amount of trust. The bases need to feel confident that the flyer will not lose focus in the air, and the flyer needs to have no doubt that the bases will catch her if something goes wrong.

"It is hard, at first, to learn to trust new people," freshman co-captain Jenny Jarrell said.

Nobody from this year's squad had cheered together before, so the women had to start from scratch in everything, including trusting one another.

Over the season, the CLU cheerleaders have doubled themselves, finishing the year with 11 members.

"Cheer really does take a lot of work, just like any other sport," Stacy said. "Sometimes we don't really get the credit we deserve."

Cheerleading try outs for the '04-05 cheer squad will be held on April 15, 2004.



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Freshman Jenny Jarrell keeps her balance in the air while performing an arobaseque.

# Track and field has impressive performance

By Sean Ruitenbergh  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University men's and women's track and field teams attended the SCIAA Multi-Dual men's event, held at Claremont on March 5, and the SCIAA Multi-Dual women's event, held at Whittier on March 6.

On the men's side, senior Barry Tolly won the 200m with a time of 21.69 seconds.

Junior Mike Alexander ran the 100m in 11.01 seconds.

The 4x100m relay team composed of Alexander, Tolly, junior Jon Siebrecht and sophomore Derek Rogers had the second fastest time in the SCIAA track competition.

"We all ran really good legs. La Verne pulled it out at the end, but we'll get them next time," Siebrecht said.

For the throwing events, the CLU men's team was led by sophomore Adrian Cruz and sophomore Gabe Leon who competed in the shot put, discus and hammer. The two combined led CLU in all three events, but were not able to snatch first place.

At Whittier, during the Multi-Dual women's event, the Regals posted impressive scores.

The highlights for the Regals were senior captain Dereem McKinney making the "Chalk Club" in the shot put by throwing 30 feet, making a personal record this weekend.

Junior Ashleigh Poulin, who is the only Regal pole vaulter, met her record for last year at 9'6".

Denise French took fifth place in the 400m with a time of 62.5 seconds.

Head Coach Scott Fickerson has been the coach of the track and field

team for three years.

"I was pleased with the performance of the team, and we are right on task for the SCIAA championships in April," Fickerson said.

The next events that the CLU track and field team will be participating in will be on Thursday, March 18, at the Cal State Northridge Multi-Event starting at 9 a.m. and finishing on Friday, March 19. Also on Friday, the CLU runners will attend the Occidental Distance Carnival starting at 6 p.m., hosted by Occidental College, in Los Angeles.



## SPORTS

## Two strokes defeats men's golf team



Photograph courtesy of Kyle Laubach

"Are you too good for your home," sophomore Peder Nyhus wonders as he puts the ball.

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen golf team placed 3-3 overall and 1-3 in the SCIAC after one

loss to Pomona-Pitzer College and one win over Chapman University.

The Kingsmen lost to the Sagehens, 304-306, on March 4. Freshman Christian Colunga finished the par-72 course with a 72. Junior Jason Poyser shot a 76, sophomore Peder Nyhus, senior Jordan Silvertrust and freshman Tyler Doyle shot a 79 and freshman Nick Verner shot an 80.

Bumpy greens and heavy wind were difficulties during the match.

"Today was kind of disappointing, because we should have won," Silvertrust said. "Losing by two strokes isn't fun, because you can always look back and see where you could have saved a few strokes. We lost three tournaments by a total of 10 strokes.

"We were pretty close," Poyser said. "Unfortunately, they just beat us by two strokes. It was a close match. We didn't play our best."

The Kingsmen golf team defeated the Panthers, 308-341, as Colunga completed the par-72 course at Tustin Ranch 2-up.

Nyhus shot a 75, Doyle shot a 78 and Silvertrust finished with an 81. Poyser and Verner followed with an 82 and an 87, respectively.

"We knew we were going to win, but it was about playing the golf course," Silvertrust said. "The greens were punched, or airfired, so they stay green. One or two of the guys played fine with it, but it was difficult for me."

"It went pretty well for the most part, since none of us had seen the course," Nyhus said. "The greens were bumpy and you could tell the course had been rained on recently," Nyhus said.

The team faces the University of Redlands Bulldogs at home at Sterling Hills Golf Course on March 11 and then competes in the two-day Huntington Invitational on March 15-16.

"Thursday's a big match. The course we're playing is fairly easy, a little shorter than some other courses we played and not that many trees. We've definitely dug ourselves in a hole, even though we're 3-3 [overall] right now. The whole team, in

general, knows we could be playing a little better," Silvertrust said.

"I think we're headed in the right direction. It'll be a good match. I think we're ready for Thursday," Nyhus said. "But the big match is going to be next week so we need to pick up a win against Redlands. We need to set the tone for our tournament in Atlanta. It's been nice to see Christian and Tyler play well for us as freshmen."

"The whole team has high hopes for next month," Silvertrust said. "That could be a big turning point for where we end up in the SCIAC."

**"Losing by two strokes isn't fun, because you can always look back and see where you could have saved a few strokes."**

Jordan Silvertrust  
Senior

## Regals beat Eagles

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 18 California Lutheran University Regals tennis team defeated the No. 30 Mary Washington Eagles on Saturday March 6, by a score of 7-2 in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The Regals easily got their first three points in doubles play, starting strong to get ahead.

"We didn't know what to expect from this team so we wanted to put on a good fight at the very start," said sophomore Blair Murphy, who played No. 3 for the Regals in this match-up.

The Regals had to endure the losses of two key players in this match due to injury. No. 47 nationally-ranked player senior Rebecca Hunau only played doubles and Stephanie Perkins was absent in this match.

No. 1 singles, Jen Hansen, CLU defeated Ashley Tucker, MW 6-0, 6-3, No. 2 Lisa Novajosky, CLU defeated Kim Colwell, MW 6-1, 6-2, No. 3 Murphy, CLU

defeated Gayle Smith, MW 6-4, 6-4, and No. 4 Brianna Smalling, CLU defeated Lindsay McMahon, MW 6-2, 6-2.

These were the four points won by the Regals in singles play. The other three points were obtained when the Regals swept in doubles not giving more than six games in the eight game pro-sets.

"I think we did really well in this match today since we are two players short from our starting line up. We hope to see Becca and Stephanie back on the courts this week," said junior Lisa Novajosky. Novajosky won both her singles and doubles matches against the Eagles.

The Regals next match will be against Washington University, who is currently the No. 12 team in the nation.

"This match today was generally a good one to get us ready for our next match against Washington University," said Head Coach Nancy Garrison. "They are going to be playing all the higher ranked SCIAC teams so this will be a good test to see where we are in the scheme of things."

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

## First season for water polo

The California Lutheran University women's water polo team had its first meet in CLU history on Friday, Feb. 27.

The Regals took on the Michigan Wolverines, a Division I school, at Oaks Christian School. The Regals fought hard, but lost to the Wolverines, 16-4.

Sophomore Kim Thomas scored the first goal in CLU history during the first quarter; she also scored another goal in the fourth quarter. Freshmen goalkeeper Kayla Schrock had nine saves.

"It was very exciting to be the first team and the first goalie of the women's water polo team. Michigan was a tough team to play in our first game, but they were really nice and taught us a lot," Schrock said.

The Regals set out to play in their first tournament, March 5-7. Their first game was against Sonoma State, a

Division II school, on Friday, Mar. 5. They were crushed by Sonoma, losing to them, 6-14.

"We worked hard and played the best that we could have played," freshmen Scarlett Williams said.

The Regals showed signs of improvement taking on UC Davis, a Division II school, Saturday, Mar. 6. They fell short, losing to them 6-8. They then took on Saint Mary's College, but once again came up short, losing 8-11.

On Sunday, Mar. 7, the Regals played against Hayward; they fought hard but just couldn't catch up. They eventually lost to Hayward, 4-14.

"We played hard, and we have bonded over the six games that we have played. I believe that we are improving at a very fast rate. So far, we are doing better than the boys team did," freshmen Michele Hernandez said. "I hope we continue to improve in the future."

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*Members of the Old West team rush to find their shoes in this year's new game "Shoe Stew."*



*Javier Cerda of the Thompson team had to eat Vienna Sausages during "Scarf and Barf."*

## Cal Lutheran holds annual Siblings Weekend

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

Every year, California Lutheran University invites the siblings of current CLU students to stay the weekend, participate in planned events and get a look into how their older brothers and sisters live. Almost 80 siblings participated in the weekend of March 12-14. The weekend was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The weekend's events included Club Lu bowling night at Harley's Bowling Alley in Camarillo, Calif., on Friday, and Wacky Wild Hall Olympics on Saturday.

Friday night's program started at 7 p.m. with two hours set aside for students with siblings to bowl. At 9 p.m., the regular Club Lu started, allowing in only current CLU students.

Saturday morning started with a brunch, during which siblings were allowed to eat in the Caf with their brothers and sisters. Afterward, teams were put together for each residence hall to compete in the Wacky Wild Hall Olympics.

"[WWHO] is a lot of fun!" said game host Holly Hoppman.

All six teams, one from each hall or hall complex, had to have 15 players to participate. The teams then designed themed T-shirts as uniforms. The shirts were judged for points as part of the game.

WWHO consisted of 10 games, ranging from the annual "Scarf and Barf," in which 15 edible, but not always pleasant, items need to be consumed, to making a human pyramid, to a new game called "Shoe Stew."

In "Shoe Stew," all of the participants threw their shoes into a pile that was mixed up by the judges. The team that found all their own shoes, put them back on and sat down the fastest won.

Points were awarded for each game. Winners of each game got six points, second place got five points and so on. Every team gets at least one point for participation, as last place is worth one point.

"[This year,] WWHO was dominated by Pederson," RHA's Programming Chair Beckie Lewis said. "The new games were well-received, and the judges were very intent on being fair. The teams had fun and enjoyed participating. The shirts were very creative."

Pederson won the event, taking the spirit stick away from Mt. Clef, who won hall caroling last semester. Thompson Hall placed second and New West captured third.

Saturday night did not have a program planned so that siblings could spend time together however they wanted.

"Overall, I think Siblings Weekend went very well. We had less arranged this year to give siblings a chance to do things together that they wanted to do, and I feel that doing things this way went over well. I also saw more parents here checking in siblings that I've seen in past years," Lewis said.

The weekend events culminated in one last brunch in the Caf on Sunday morning, followed by the sibling send-off when it was time to go home.

Club Lu bowling and WWHO were the last two campuswide events that RHA will put on before it disbands in late April.

"We are really happy with the way the weekend went. Both bowling and WWHO were very successful. We were happy to finish as a board on such a positive note," RHA Director Alex Mallen said.



*The New West team creates its version of the human pyramid.*



*Mt. Clef celebrates a win in one of the day's events.*

All photographs by Stephanie Shaker



## Calendar

a sneak peek of this week at the lu

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march 17

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Lord of Life Church Council Meeting**  
Overton Hall  
8 p.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.

thursday  
march 18

**Hawaiian Club Meeting**  
Mogen Lounge  
6 p.m.

**Support Group for Eating Disorder**  
**Recoverers**  
F-Building  
6 p.m.



**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Dane of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

friday  
march 19

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Dane of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Club LU: CLW**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

saturday  
march 20

**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Dane of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

sunday  
march 21

**Intramural Softball**  
Gibello Field  
10 a.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

monday  
march 22

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

tuesday  
march 23

**ASCLU General Elections**  
SUB  
9 a.m.

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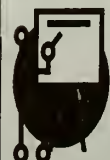
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# Students meet prospective employers at expo

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

More than 200 California Lutheran University students and 51 companies turned out for CLU's annual Career Expo on Wednesday, March 10. The yearly spring event, which is scheduled to accommodate students graduating in May, gives area employers and CLU students a chance to discuss full-time positions and internship opportunities.

"It's a good time for students to talk to companies and network face-to-face with representatives from various organizations," said Cynthia Smith, career counselor and recruitment coordinator of CLU's Career Services. "Even if a specific department you are interested in is not here, we recommend that students introduce themselves to the recruiter and find

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Cynthia Smith  
Career Counselor

out where to send their resumes."

"The feedback from employers [about the expo] has been very positive and mutually beneficial, such that they return from year to year. Last year we had between 300 to 400 students attend the expo. This year close to

200 students registered, and we expect that this year will be as good or better," Smith said.

"It worked for me," said Ian Brown, a 2003 CLU finance alumnus. "I went to this job fair last year. I approached the Beneficial Financial table and liked the recruiters. They encouraged me to visit the office, and although I was wary, I really liked it. I began working as an intern and was able to move up to the account executive position I currently hold within a year's time. Now I am the one talking to students at this year's expo. I guess you could say I am proof that this event works."

"We have been recruiting at CLU for more than a decade. The quality [of potential employee] here is good. Our company is very community-centered, and that is why we come here to recruit. As a mortgage company, our customers need to be able to trust us and know that we have their interests at heart. It benefits us to have people who live and have gone to school within a community working for us. It's just common sense," said William Marenette, a district manager for Beneficial Financial.

Desiree Molnar-Southon, an area assistant supervisor for the Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis, has recruited at the Career Expo for the last three years. IABA is an organization that helps connect individuals with a developmental disability with greater opportunity.

"It helps us to employ people with better educations. The more staff we can hire, the more customers in the community we can take on. So it helps the community, too," Molnar-Southon said. "It has been very advantageous

for us to return. [The Career Expo] has done very well for us."

"Attending the expo is a good start for someone entering the job market," said MBA graduate student Emma Besilets. "I came out today to give my resume to Pfizer. I am not finished with my program until June, but I am trying to be proactive by checking things out now and to see what is available in the com-

munity when I graduate. It's just nice to see what is out there."

Students who are interested in learning more about employment opportunities or available internships should contact Smith at x3196 or Cindy Lewis at x3199 at CLU's Career Services Center. Students may also browse current job postings at [www.jobpostings.net/california](http://www.jobpostings.net/california).



Photograph by Todd Kugler

Senior Kyle Wells speaks with Army Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Waad.

## Seniors participate in disorientation

By Ashley George  
STAFF WRITER

Seniors at California Lutheran University took part in the university's annual Senior Disorientation on Tuesday, March 9.

The event was designed to provide seniors with useful tips on how to cope with life after graduation.

"Senior Disorientation has been held in past years. The event takes place in order to aid seniors in the transition from college to life after college," said ARC/Coordinator of Student Programs Margaret Miller.

"[Senior Disorientation] was done at a very necessary time because this is when everything hits and becomes very overwhelming," senior Julie Norman said.

Nearly 40 seniors attended the event, which featured several speakers ranging from Cal Lutheran alumni to staff members.

Associate Dean of Students Michael Fuller and Director of Alumni Development/Relations Elaine Bendison kick-started the event with a welcoming speech, which was followed by few words from Director of

Career Services Cindy Lewis.

A alumnus Brian McCoy spoke to seniors about how to manage their finances after graduation.

Director of Clinical Supervision Jim Schmidt closed out the event by speaking to seniors about post-college life.

Speakers also addressed the issue of careers and graduate school and conducted a table discussion, which was designed to answer any questions that the seniors might have had.

"[The highlight of the event] was students gaining information to assist them in their transition and the ability to ask alumni any questions they might have while going through the transition and preparing for graduation and what happens after graduation," Miller said.

"Coming to the realization that four years have gone by in a heartbeat and that graduation is right around the corner scares me just a bit," senior Jon Gonzales said. "The best advice that I received was to tell everyone that impacted me in any way that I care about them because you never know if or when you will get that chance to do that ever again."

## ASCLU discusses issues in weekly meeting

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

At its recent meeting, Senate discussed a number of different projects that it is currently working on, such as lighting on campus, benches at the Cross and better use of library resources, as well as a new bylaw amendment.

The most important issue of the night was the bylaw amendment proposal presented by freshman Kevin Jussel. The amendment would change the ways in which bills were presented and voted on by Senate. Senators had mixed emotions about the proposed changes.

"It is good if we have something keeping us back and holding our word," At-large Senator Dominic Storelli said.

One of the proposals in the amendment would require senators to present their bill during the Monday meeting and then have a copy of the bill in each senator's box by Friday.

"If it is brought up Monday, you have time to ask questions," junior Senator Jared Perry said.

Senate Director Jason Soyster discussed the importance of each committee focusing on one project to work on for the next two months.

The Indoor Structural committee is contemplating the idea of working with the Capital Campaign.

Senior Senator Rachel Eskesen stated that as part of the Academic committee, "We are talking about how people can better utilize the librarians. They are specialized in specific areas."

The Academics Committee also discussed putting up a new map of where books can be found in the library after renovations this summer are completed.

Storelli said that, with regard to the Outdoor Structural committee, "Jared is planning on the benches and where everything is going."

He also said that the committee is checking to see if it is feasible to put more trees outside Mogen Hall.

**"We are talking about how people can better utilize the librarians."**

Rachel Eskesen  
Senior Senator

As part of the Outdoor Structural committee, freshman Senator Bethany Bengtson introduced a new bill proposing better lighting on campus. The bill will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

"For most of the houses, they don't have lights in front of them. That is a concern, so maybe a sensor light could be put in," Storelli said.

The Campus Life Committee is currently working on talking with Facilities to purchase tables that would be put outside of the university commons as well as working on a bill to give funding to the Audio Visual Club.

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Emma Holman, accounting, 2006

"I like the fact that it takes two minutes to walk to class."



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Adrianna Fildes, criminal justice, 2004

"I like that the classroom sizes are small and you get to know your teachers on a personal level."



Chelsea Ward, communication, 2007

"The best and worst things are that it's small. It's good for classes, but it sucks for a social life."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Bell Lopez.

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## Valparaiso University Chamber Concert Band inspires

By Tina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

The Valparaiso University Chamber Concert Band concluded its California tour with a concert Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in Samuelson Chapel. The band, hailing from Valparaiso, Ind., has performed in nine different California cities and in Las Vegas. The concerts took place in Lutheran churches, a middle school, high schools, a university and a music center.

The concert lasted about two hours and was conducted by Jeffrey Scott Doeblert. The first part consisted of contemporary music like "October" and "Yankee Doodle." After the intermission, the second part was music in the style of John Philip Sousa, famous musician from the 1800s. This part consisted of patriotic works like "The Liberty Bell," "Atlantic City Pageant" and "God Bless America."

Doeblert met California Lutheran University music professor Daniel Geeting when Geeting went out to Valparaiso University.

"He said 'come out if you ever get the



Photograph by Claire Hillard

Students perform during the Valparaiso Chamber Concert Band on Thursday, March 11.

chance on tour," and we finally got to go this year," said Doeblert. "It's really been a great opportunity for us. The weather has been ideal, the crowds have been great, the students have

played well, so the whole thing, to us, has been a success. Plus, it's been snowing in Indiana a little bit, so this makes us extra happy."

The tour took place during Valparaiso's

spring break. Jessie Johnson is a junior at Valparaiso and plays the alto saxophone in the band. She also agrees that the tour has been a success.

"We've loved it! We've gotten to be such a tight group, and this has been a big tour for us because it was the first time we got to fly somewhere. It's a really good experience to perform for different kinds of audiences. We've performed for kindergartners to seniors," said Johnson. "We also got to go to Disneyland on Sunday and we went to Hollywood on Monday, so it's been a lot of fun."

CLU senior Holly Halweg, who is a soprano in the CLU Choir and plays percussion in the CLU Symphony Orchestra, attended Thursday night's concert and was impressed with their performance.

"You can't really compare them to our school's band because they are a much bigger school, but if you did, they are really just amazing," said Halweg.

The CLU Choir will perform at Valparaiso University during its tour of the Midwest, which will happen during the first week of April.

## MANNA: The Conejo Valley food bank aids those in need

By Candice Pokk  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

MANNA, a food bank that serves the Conejo Valley, is a widely known charity in Thousand Oaks, Calif. It isn't located in a warehouse, but a small white house with blue trim. It is here that a sense of comfort is provided to families in need.

The goal of MANNA is to provide food to anyone who needs it. MANNA serves 5,000 families a month by providing them with a week's worth of groceries. All that is required is California state identification and a recommendation from a church or an organization.

MANNA is a foundation that was started in 1971, by a woman named Mary Hume in an effort to gather food items for neighbors in need. MANNA has been kept alive since 1971 by community members. The primary idea behind MANNA is that it is owned by the community for the community. The food bank receives no funding from the government and all of the money that is donated is put into MANNA. Monetary and food donations are made by individuals and clubs. Grocery stores donate food that is on the verge of expiration, and if MANNA can't use the food, it will find



Photograph by Candice Pokk

MANNA volunteer and retiree Sam Forusz poses next to the shelves he stocks.

an organization that will.

With only one employee, the organization is operated almost completely by volunteers. Pauline Satterbro is the administrator for MANNA. She has been giving her time for 20 years. She runs the entire day to day operation and goes on speaking engagements to recruit volunteers as well as donations. She works closely with many churches, women's groups, and the National Charity League. Satterbro also gives tours of MANNA to anyone interested in seeing what MANNA is like firsthand.

Dave Slater is one of seven volunteer board members who oversees the organization. Some of the things that he oversees as a board member are the property that MANNA is located on, the search for new donations and construction around the premises.

Sam Forusz volunteers at MANNA and said he helps the program because the community needs it.

As with most food banks, they run into a shortage during summer time. During the holidays, everyone is eager to give, and MANNA is inundated with food. Come April and May,

its supply starts to run low.

"Spring through summer is when we are the barest [and] cereal is a luxury; it is expensive," said Satterbro.

Volunteers stock the shelves and help individuals pick out food to take home to their families. The only requirement to volunteer at MANNA is age. Volunteers must be 15 years old to help stock and organize food and 21 to help customers lift food off the shelves. MANNA is always looking for volunteers to give as little as a few hours just once a month.

"Especially youth," Slater said. "There is a lot of carton and box lifting that it takes multiple elderly men to lift when it could be easily done by one young person."

California Lutheran University's Community Service Center has sent students to help on annual university service days. On these days, a group of students stock the shelves or help with maintenance around the facility.

"[Volunteering] builds a little character to do, rather than always 'gimme, gimme, gimme,'" Slater said.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating food can contact Pauline Satterbro at (805) 497-4959.

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# OPINION

## A modest proposal to end stupidity



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."*

-Albert Einstein

Hot damn, the news last week was strange and fast. A woman killed one of her twin babies in order to avoid getting a scar, Vladimir Putin was re-elected in a characteristically undemocratic fashion, a fist fight broke out during a South Korea parliamentary debate and scientists are still debating over whether a tenth planet was discovered late last week.

In local news, we here at The Echo received a letter from the U.S. State Department signed by Secretary of State Colin L. Powell. Enclosed were two pamphlets: "Travel Tips

for Students" and "Travel Warning on Drugs Abroad."

Thank you, Mr. Powell, but what we really wanted was an itemized expense account of State Department spending for the last year. I'm curious to know how much it costs to send out these pamphlets to student newspapers all over the country and how effective these pamphlets are in deterring drug crimes. According to "Travel Warning on Drugs Abroad," 2,500 Americans are arrested in foreign countries each year, and one third of those arrests (about 833) involve drug-related crimes. Yes, it seems the fine people at the State Department sent out thousands of pamphlets in order to prevent 833 people from getting arrested while traveling abroad.

Certainly college students should be made aware of the dangers of traveling with drugs, but wouldn't students be better served with "Ten Tips for Cancer Prevention"? Cancer kills more than 500,000 Americans every year, and, in many cases, establishing a variety of healthy habits during youth can reduce the possibility of getting cancer.

In the pamphlet "Travel Warning on Drugs Abroad" the State Department urges students to remember a variety of commonsense rules including "Don't make a jail sentence part of your trip abroad." Writers of

product warning labels look upon pointless, commonsense advice like this with pride. These good people have brought Americans such gems as the canine shampoo bottle that reads "Caution: The contents of this bottle should not be fed to fish" and the self-defense pepper spray canister that warns, "May irritate eyes."

The ridiculous warning label craze was spawned by the rise of frivolous lawsuits, which were kicked into overdrive in 1994 when a woman from New Mexico was awarded \$2.9 million in damages after she was burned by a cup of hot coffee from McDonald's. Lawsuits of this absurd caliber raise the cost of products for consumers throughout the country and need to be stopped.

I urge lawmakers to draft a ban on outrageous acts of stupidity that result in pointless lawsuits. For example, the punishment for feeding dog shampoo to a fish should be 20 hours of community service shampooing dogs at the local animal shelter. If commonsense punishments like this were instituted for the plaintiffs of frivolous lawsuits, products would be cheaper and Americans might come to learn that they are responsible for their own mistakes — this would be a huge step for a citizenry that is constantly blaming society for all personal misfortunes.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo,

I wish to dispute some of the opinions contained in Nicole Rizkallah's guest editorial [March 10, 2004]. Educators are meant to enlighten their students, to open their eyes to something beyond their safe base. Instead of persecuting our professors for offering a different viewpoint, we should be thanking them for challenging our own. Those who are truly secure in their beliefs will welcome this opportunity, for only through reflection and evaluation will our beliefs be strengthened and solidified. This bubble of non-reality that you speak of exists in a college that bans these opposing viewpoints from being voiced. If you wish to break this bubble, then you are welcoming the tapestry of opinions that exist in the real world, several of which are represented by your "anti-American" professors.

Denying someone's freedom of speech — which, do not forget, is a privilege for you as well — is anti-American. Trying to stop the progressive desire to improve our nation is anti-American. Closing your ears and mind to an opinion different than your own and labeling it as anti-American because it is so is ignorant and cowardly. Politics touches all aspects of life. Trying to force it out of a college classroom will truly make this campus a bubble of non-reality. Valid education involves grappling: exploring new ideas, challenging old ideas and forming new ones. This is accomplished through an active dialogue between teacher and student. If you feel you are unable to address opposing opinions within the parameters of your classroom, then perhaps you should find a way to express your views as opposed to taking away theirs.

Kelly Murkey, senior, liberal arts

Dear Echo,

I am writing in response to Nicole Rizkallah's guest editorial. New to campus this fall, I have several reactions to her piece. First, I agree that it is important for professors to remember that it is not our job to indoctrinate our students with our personal beliefs. I believe that we should strive to promote critical thinking about important social issues, like U.S. foreign policy. In my opinion, it is best to try and present both sides of an issue when in a classroom. That said, I also believe that it is legitimate for a professor to express a personal opinion in a classroom; it may be more fair for students to know a professor's bias so that they can take that into account when evaluating information presented in class.

However, it can seriously harm the classroom learning experience if these expressions of personal beliefs/opinions are presented by a professor as fact or in a context where students do not have the time or comfort to express dissenting opinions. I take issue with Ms. Rizkallah's argument that to be against the war in Iraq or against President Bush's foreign policies is to be anti-American. She, herself, makes the point that a key American value is freedom of speech. It is "pro-American" to exercise this right to speak against the actions of our government. Again, this freedom of speech does come with particular responsibilities when one is in a position of power in a classroom.

I am also dismayed to read another complaint about the perception that there is a "liberal" bias in academia and that this bias degrades/detracts from students' educational experiences. I know liberal and conservative professors who strive to create classroom atmospheres in which students explore issues from multiple vantage points and are respected for constructing thoughtful and well-supported arguments for or against a particular issue. These very same professors may, at times, make their own views clear but do not express them as dogma.

I hope that, as a community, professors and students at CLU carterwork together to communicate in productive ways about how to improve classroom experiences such that there is less name-calling from either "liberals" or "conservatives" and more productive discussions about the social and political issues that shape our lives.

Adina Nack, Assistant Professor of Sociology

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# Baseball continues hot streak



Photograph by Kyle Peterson  
Junior Jon Calmes winds up for a pitch. Calmes won his third game of the year against Rutgers.



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

Safe at second! CLU crushed Rutgers University, 9-1, on Friday, March 12.

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team continued its winning streak this week, as it crushed the competition on Wednesday, March 10 and Friday, March 12.

The Kingsmen took on Vanguard University on Wednesday, March 10. The Kingsmen capitalized on five of Vanguard's errors, which allowed them to win the game, 7-3.

Junior Roy Riley had three hits, an RBI and scored a run. Senior Geoff Buchanan stole a pair

of bases. Sophomore pitcher Matt Hirsh won the game for the Kingsmen. He gave up only three runs and six hits in 6.2 innings.

"We came ready to play on Wednesday. It felt good to get revenge on Vanguard, because they beat us last year. Our defense played well and so did the offense; that's what helped us win," Hirsh said.

The Kingsmen had an easy game against Rutgers-Newark, crushing them 9-1. The Kingsmen scored all the runs they needed in the second inning.

"We just played really well; Doug Carnett did a great job coming in during the eighth inning. He was able to prevent any runs. We are so used to winning, and we plan on keeping it that way," said junior Jon Calmes.

Riley was two-for-four with a two-run home run. Sophomore Christian Hariot and junior Jeremy Koenig each had two hits. Calmes pitched and brought in his third win of the season. He scattered five hits in seven innings.

"We just need to keep doing what we are doing. I mean if it's not broke, why fix it? We hope to keep doing what we are doing, especially when we take on Cal State Hayward this weekend," said senior Ryan Hostetter.

## Regals softball wins seven in a row

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The Regals softball team took the season series away from the Whittier Poets this week, defeating them on Friday, March 12, 6-2, and again on Saturday, March 13, in a double-header winning the first game in the ninth inning 4-2 and the second game 4-0.

"Taking this series was great for us because now we can focus on the rest of the conference teams," said sophomore pitcher Gianna Regal.

Regal was the starting pitcher for the Regals in game one of Saturday's double-header. Regal got through four innings and gave up one run.

Game two of Saturday's double header was led by sophomore pitcher Olivia Chacon, who pitched a complete game shutout, picking up her fifth win of the season. Chacon also contributed with a two-run double in the fifth



Photograph by Dan Norton

Sophomore Olivia Chacon releases the pitch to the batter. Chacon started against the University of Texas.

inning. "I think we all wanted to get the sweep over Whittier, so in game two, we played harder than in game one," Chacon said.

In Friday's game against the Poets, Chacon pitched six innings to help, the Regals take game one of the season series.

On Wednesday, the Regals had another double-header, but with a nonconference opponent, the University of Texas at Dallas.

The Regals won both games 3-2 and 6-5.

Chacon started for the Regals in game

one, giving up two runs. With the game in extra innings, senior Emily Otteru hit a two-run triple, tying the game in the seventh.

"After that, I knew we were going to comeback," said freshman Ashley Calendo.

In the ninth inning, senior Shannon Teverbaugh drove in the game-winning run to capture game one of the double-header.

In game two, Regal took the stage for the Regals, contributing big plays on the defensive and offensive side.

Regal relieved freshman Danielle Everson in the third by striking out two batters. Then in the seventh inning, the Regals scored four runs and Regal drove in the game winner.

The Regals softball team has won seven straight and improved its record to 8-10, 5-5 conference. The Regals will face Cal Baptist away on Thursday, March 18, in another double-header.

## Water polo improves as the season goes on

"It was so exciting to win our first game of the season and in CLU history."

Kayla Schrock  
Freshman

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University's women's water polo team had a tough weekend but eventually came out triumphant with

its first win.

The Regals first took on Notre Dame on Saturday, March 13. They fought hard but were crushed by Notre Dame, losing to them 4-14. They next took on Chapman University and again lost 5-15.

"We did well against these teams. I mean we really didn't come expecting anything, we just took each game at a time," said freshman Mackenzie Faumuina.

The Regals then took on Sonoma State on Sunday, March 14. It was a close match, but the Regals could not pull through; they lost 7-9.

Later that day, the team took on Macalister. Warmed up and ready for their last

match, the team came out strong and crushed Macalister 9-0.

"We are so excited; we completely shut them out. It was so exciting to win our first game of the season and in CLU history," said freshmen Kayla Schrock.

Schrock blocked seven goals during the game against Macalister. Freshmen Danielle Rios led the team in scoring with five goals. Freshmen Jen Danielson and Faumuina each had two goals. Freshman Michelle Hernandez added six steals.

"We really improved over the weekend," said freshman Scarlett Williams. "I think that we came out to play and we did awesome, it was the best we have ever played."

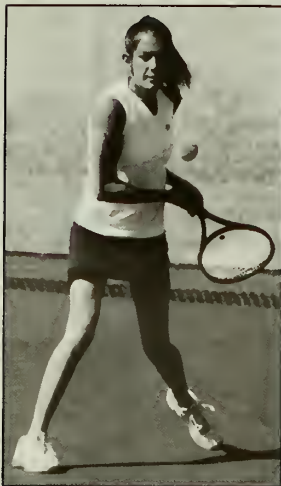


Photograph by Bell Lopez

Freshman goalie Kayla Schrock saves the point.



# Regals tennis beats No. 12 in nation



Photograph by Stephanie Shaker

Senior Rebecca Hunau returns the volley Hunau and her doubles partner defeated Occidental on March 12.

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Regals hosted the Washington University Bears on Monday, March 8. The Regals, who are currently ranked No. 18 in the nation, surprised the No. 12 Bears by beating them 5-4.

Beginning with a solid sweep in the doubles, the Regals put the first three points of their win on the board.

No. 1 doubles senior Rebecca Hunau and partner junior Jen Hansen defeated the No. 13 doubles team in the nation, Rathi Mani and Laura Zwick 9-8. No. 2 doubles junior Lisa Novajovsky and sophomore Blair Murphy defeated Laura Greenberg and Erin Fleming 8-5, and No. 3 doubles senior Stephanie Perkins and freshman Brianna Smalling defeated Kacie Cook and Becky Rovner 8-6.

With three points on the board, all the Regals needed were an extra two points to assure the win, and that came when No. 1 singles Hansen defeated Cook 6-0, 6-2 and also when Novajovsky defeated Zwick 6-3, 6-4.

"I knew that I had to step it up to help my team and I am happy that we beat a team ranked higher than us," Hansen said.

Also on the agenda in this last week for the Regals was a SCIAAC match against the Occidental College Tigers on Friday, March 12. This match was played at Occidental and was victorious for the Regals, with a score of 7-2. The Regals again dominated doubles to bring the first three points to their favor.

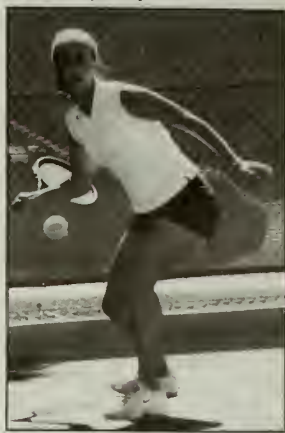
The singles matches that gave the Regals the additional four points would be No. 2 singles Novajovsky defeating Lori Judd 6-2, 6-2; No. 4 singles Smalling defeating Eliza Burns 6-1, 6-0; No. 5 singles sophomore Aimee Fiore defeating Amanda Iseri 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; and No. 6 singles freshman Karen Zimmerman defeating Natalie Noto 6-3, 6-4.

"I thought that this team didn't have any weapons to beat us that day, even though we lost two matches," said Smalling about their win against the Tigers.

Nancy Garrison, head coach for the Regals, expected to do well this week and everything went in favor of the Regals.

"This was a huge week for us. We beat

the No. 12 ranked team in the nation and then we won another SCIAAC match. We are playing very competitively," Garrison said.



Photograph by Stephanie Shaker

Junior Jen Hansen focuses on returning the ball. Hansen was one of two singles to win against Washington.

## Young golfers struggle on green



Photograph by Kyle Lambach

Freshman Tyler Doyle chips the ball onto the green in hopes of a landing in a good putting position.

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen golf team lost at home to the University of Redlands Bulldogs, 298-289, to move to 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the SCIAAC.

Junior Jason Poyser finished the par-71 course at Sterling Hills with a 72. Senior Jordan Silvertrust shot a 74, sophomore Peder Nyhus finished 4-up, freshman Tyler Doyle finished with a 76, freshman Christian Colunga shot a 77 and sophomore Nick Verner finished with an 84.

"We played well," Doyle said. "It was our lowest team score on the course. Jason Poyser played very well and he kept our team score low."

"We shot our best score of the year, but Redlands is ranked No. 3 in the nation so they barely beat us," said sophomore Austin Aker. "Coach Lindgren did a great job preparing us for the tournament. He's been doing a great job coaching us all year. Our team was ready to play well; we finally played to our capabilities. Hopefully we'll play well in our future tournaments."

"We already dug ourselves a hole," Doyle said. "We're gonna end up with a

losing record in the SCIAAC, which hasn't happened under the reign of Jeff Lindgren. Our conference has gotten better in the last few years. Our average this year is a lot lower than it was a few years ago.

"I have high expectations for this team in the future years; there's a lot of young talent on this team," he continued. "We can only get better. Redlands has two seniors, two juniors and two sophomores. Age and experience carry a lot of weight, especially in an intellectual sport like golf."

"We finally had a good day to play golf yesterday. All our other tournaments were in the rain or in the Santa Ana winds," Aker said.

"I think we're looking forward to that and playing against SCIAAC teams and seeing how we fare and trying to avenge the losses we took this season," said sophomore Michael Corso. "The team seems to be coming together. This year we seem a lot more focused. We have definitely clearly defined goals for what we want to do."

The Kingsmen will compete in the two-day Huntingdon Invitational on March 15 and March 16.

## Tennis wins despite slow start



Photograph by Dan Norton

Two California Lutheran University tennis players are enjoying playing tennis on a sunny day.

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 12, the California Lutheran University Kingsmen met the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys to encounter another tough battle in the western section of the Division III NCAA men's tennis race to the top.

The match started favorably for the Cowboys when they won two out of the three doubles to get the first point on the board. The only match that was won in doubles was the team of junior J.V. Vallejos and sophomore Karlo Arapovic.

"I really don't know what happened. We just started out really slow and the next thing you know, we had lost a very important doubles point," said junior co-captain Quinn Caldaron.

Caldaron lost his doubles match with partner senior co-captain Junya Hasebe but won his singles match easily in two sets.

After the doubles, the Kingsmen took part in a quick comeback to get four points on the board and win the match with a score of 4-3.

The points were given to the team by No. 1 singles Caldaron defeating opponent David

Wu 6-1, 7-5; No. 2 singles Vallejos defeating Mark Plowman 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 singles sophomore Shara Surabi defeating Brad Grace 6-4, 6-1; and No. 4 singles Hasebe defeating Roy Lehman 6-2, 6-4.

"Coach gave us a reality check after losing doubles, and then we just wanted to fight out there and give it all we had. After all, if we would have lost to this team, we would have been out of the top 25 national ranking and would have had a tough time getting in to nationals," Vallejos said.

The Hardin-Simmons Cowboys are currently ranked No. 9 in the West region and are not ranked in the top 25 nationally, compared to the Kingsmen, who are ranked No. 12 in the national standings.

"It was an inspired performance. We completely doubled up on our work ethic over the last couple of weeks, and it showed today at the courts," said Head Coach Mike Gennette.

The next adversary on the Kingsmen's list is Whitman College from Washington, who will be playing the Kingsmen on Tuesday, March 16, at CLU starting at 2 p.m.

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*Resolution to improve campus lighting passed by Senate.*

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# Club Lu holds Friday Night Mayhem

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 19, California Lutheran University held its third annual "CLW Friday Night Mayhem" for Club Lu. The event was held in the gym, and the first 100 students to arrive got a free California Lutheran Wrestling T-shirt and Red Bull.

CLW was sponsored by the ASCLU Programs Board. The show is based on the professional wrestling seen on television.

Current CLU students spend months planning, choreographing and practicing the fights to make them look as real as possible. Programs Board brings in an outside company to set up a real wrestling ring for the students to use for the show.

A crowd of approximately 600 students turned out for the event. CLW is one of the more popular Club Lu's on campus, generating more and more of a turn-out each year. Over the past three years, the stories behind these wrestlers have developed into rivalries known campus-wide.

"Joe [Henle] riding in on the [motorcycle] was killer! And I'm always a fan of Dirty Mama," junior Ryan Lisk said.

This year, Brendan "Kritter" Kinion played the part of the commissioner, a title he won from "The Fox" (Jimmy Fox) in last year's show. Many of the old wrestlers came back to fight for their titles, like the duo of "Too Damn Sexy" (Sean Porter and Brent Baier) fighting "The Big Guns" (Ryan Tukua and Beau Kimbrel) and "Los Locos" (Alex Espinoza and Alex Gonzalez). In addition, "Kid Kaos" (Chad Brown) fought "The Fox" for the heavyweight championship belt and won.

There were a few new faces in the ring this year, including "Peaches" (Stephanie Nelson), who teamed up with Commissioner Kritter to fight the well-known duo of "Dirty Mama" (Pam Clark) and "White Trash" (Jeremy Soiland).

CLW announcer Brian Roberts also got into the ring in a match where Roberts tried to prove that he belonged in the show. Roberts challenged any member of the audience to fight him. Senior Ken Westphalen, who is significantly larger than Roberts, accepted the challenge. The set up of such opposite-sized opponents made for an entertaining fight. It took Roberts three tries, in addition to some skilled dodging and a little trickery, but he was able to defeat Westphalen.

"The best part was the emergence of Brian Roberts as the star of the show," Fox said.

Fox, who came up with the idea for CLW three years ago, headed up the committee that put on the event. He has been in charge of recreating the show every year.

"Overall, I think the show went well, as

far as the matches and the script going according to plan. But I felt like the audience was a little tired before we even started," Fox said.

CLW is a program students look forward to each year. Its appeal may lie in the realism of the matches as well as how much the audience is allowed to participate. Posters support some wrestlers and tear down others. They are passed out to students as they come in the door, giving the audience characters that they can cheer on or characters they can hate.

"I think my favorite part of the night was the crowd in general. They make the show for us with their chants and reactions. We appreciate the effort they put forth. Overall, I was very pleased with what we put out. Even though we had problems at the start, the drama department and media services did a fabulous job. And when the students stay around and congratulate you afterward, you know you just put on a good show," Roberts said.



*In a fight that spilled over and out of the ring, "Wesley" body slams "Damien" as the crowd looks on.*



*Announcer Brian Roberts surprises everyone as he challenges any member of the audience to a fight.*



*Referee Prentice Reedy enters the ring shirtless before suiting up and beginning the event.*



*"Tyler 'The Superdude' Styles" flees the ring. Meanwhile, "Jay Smooth" fights "Christopher St. James" in the back-ground.*



*"Jay Smooth" is escorted into the gym prior to his match.*

All photographs by Dan Norton



# Calendar

a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
march 24

**ASCLU General Elections**  
SUB  
Starts at 9 a.m.

**CSC Blood Drive**  
SUB  
Starts at 9 a.m.

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Rotaract Meeting**  
Overton Hall  
8 p.m.

**Communi Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.



**thursday**  
march 25

**Support Group for Eating Disorder Recoverers**  
F-Building  
6 p.m.

**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Daue of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

**friday**  
march 26

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.



**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Daue of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Club LU: Singled Out**  
Pavilion  
9 p.m.

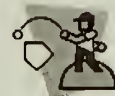


**saturday**  
march 27

**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Daue of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**sunday**  
march 28

**Intramural Softball**  
Gibello Field  
10 a.m.



**Mainstage 2 - Isabella Met a Fella and Hamlet, Disco Daue of Denmark**  
Preus Brandt Forum  
2 p.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**monday**  
march 29

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.



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# Changes to improve '04-'05 elections

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

A revision of California Lutheran University's Constitution and structural changes to the student body government have created stiffer competition and perhaps a more effective government for those running in the ASCLU general elections. The elections will take place in the SUB on Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday, March 31.

"It's going to be exciting next year for those who are involved in ASCLU," said current ASCLU President Robert Boland. "It's exactly what we wanted."

Although there were several important changes to the CLU's Constitution, two amendments will significantly impact the upcoming elections and next year's governing body.

First, the structure of ASCLU-G will now consist of two boards instead of three: Senate and Programs Board. The Residence Hall Association was disbanded and its duties were absorbed into the other boards. This has effectively reduced the number of available

board positions from 60 to 40, which translates to an increased level of competition.

"There were some internal problems with RHA board," Boland said. "So the student body voted to eliminate it in the recent election. This is a tremendous change and has made the competition stiffer."

"With a smaller government comes more competition," said President-elect Jason Soyster. "Because there are a third fewer positions, qualified people will now be making it to the boards."

**"It's going to be exciting next year for those who are involved in ASCLU."**

Robert Boland  
ASCLU President

Second, Senate will now consist of four senators from each class, and Programs Board

will have four representatives from each class. Senate and Programs Board will each have a commuter senator/representative, as well. Perhaps most significant to this amendment is that now each member can vote across class lines.

"Previously with each board, you could only vote for your respective class. Now everyone will vote for everything. This significantly changes the dynamic of campaigning because you now have to campaign to everyone," Senate Director-elect Sarah Gray said.

"The process will be more difficult, but worthwhile," Soyster said. "It will no longer be class specific. Members will now represent everyone and will have to campaign as such and work for the entire student body regardless of class."

Another contributing factor for the increased participation in ASCLU could be attributed to the higher visibility of its members this year.

"Perhaps because the competition changed, ASCLU got a lot of publicity. But Club LU was very well attended and well publicized, and the Senate did big things like plac-

ing computers in the SUB and study lounges were placed in Peterson and Thompson," Gray said. "These big things make people want to be a part of something good, too."

"ASCLU has had some very focal leaders this year. This might explain why so many students have become interested as compared to years past," Boland said.

"As of [Wednesday, March 17], there were more than 40 people signed up to run," Soyster said. "Of those, 12 students signed up to run for the four available Senior Programs Board positions and seven students signed up to run for the four Senior Senate spots. We want as many as possible, it seems, to bring out the best people."

"I think we made the right decision. The revision of the constitution and the overall changes to the student government means that ASCLU-G is now more representative of the student body," Gray said.

Students interested in learning more about the 2004-2005 ASCLU Senate and Programs Board elections/positions should contact Soyster at x3462 or the SUB Information Desk at x3302.

## Senate passes new lighting resolution

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Senate passed a resolution that would improve lighting conditions in various areas of the California Lutheran University campus during last week's meeting.

The lighting bill was sponsored by Freshman Senator Bethany Bengston as part of the Outdoor Structural committee. The committee has been working on the resolution for most of the spring semester.

Many in Senate felt that the lack of proper lighting on campus was a serious safety concern.

The proposed lighting changes for Buth Park would allow for tall overhead lights to be installed so that there is more light for those students and faculty members returning to their cars after a night class or evening event.

"I think it's a good idea. People will naturally feel safer walking to their cars late at night if the area is well-lit," junior Tony Chiaramonte said.

At a recent Senate meeting, the issue of better lighting for the university houses was brought up. Included in the new bill is a clause that more lighting will be added to each university-owned house.

Lighting will also be improved in the New West hall rear parking lot. This is the area parallel to Olsen Road.

"I think better lighting is a start to better security. I think it'll help people feel safer as well as deter thieves from possibly breaking into more cars," sophomore and New West resident Alicia Jordan said.

Jordan was one of the students whose car was burglarized earlier this semester while it was parked in the New West parking lot.

The bill also calls for better lighting in

the Thompson Hall parking lot, on the corner of Mt. Clef Drive and Faculty Drive.

"I don't think that I'll necessarily feel safer now that there are going to be more lights in the Thompson parking lot. I don't think light necessarily equals a safer campus. Perhaps more security would be better, or a class in self-defense," sophomore

Katrina Wong said.

Senate also proposed better lighting along Memorial Parkway near the stadium, saying that when it is dark in that area it is not safe for students or anyone else walking in the vicinity.

The lighting bill is now being passed on to CLU administration for approval and funding.

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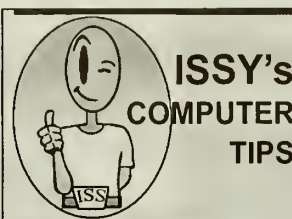
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## What do you think about gay marriage?



John Cummings, sociology, 2005

"Homosexuals should be able to have the same rights and responsibilities in marriage that heterosexuals do."



Ashley Bosiacki, criminal justice, 2007

"People are entitled to do whatever they want. Government should have no say over any type of marriage at all."



Jon Vevia, music, 2006

"I don't personally agree with homosexuality, but I also don't agree with everyone's negativity towards gay marriage."



Daniel Gomez, undecided, 2007

"I think it's wrong. Totally against the Bible's teachings."



Andy Treloar, undecided, 2007

"I'm all for it if it makes them happy. I don't think it is up to us what other people do with their lives."



Megan Jeffery, communication, 2006

"I think it should be legally recognized and receive the same benefits that regular couples get."



Blanca Cortez, criminal justice, 2006

"Religiously, I was taught it was immoral, but personally I don't see why two people that love each other can't legally join together."



Lauren Powell, liberal studies, 2004

"If two people are in love, regardless of their sexual preference, they should be allowed to get married."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Jimmy Fox. Photography is by Claire Hilliard.

## Car of the Week



Car of the Week is compiled by Kyle Peterson

Senior Mike Greenhill stands next to his 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air. The car drives with its built 350, over drive transmission and posi trac rear-end. Some of the many modifications include disk brakes and dual Flowmasters with true 3 inch pipes. Mike loves driving it every day and says a blower is on the way.

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## Tips for managing stress

By Farima Nojumi  
STAFF WRITER

We can all relate to feeling stressed in our lives, and for college students, the stress can be overwhelming. Some people define stress as being associated with events or situations, and others view stress as the response to these situations. Whether you are stressed over finals or applying for graduate schools, these following tips will help you to manage the stress in your life:

1. Get up 15 minutes earlier.
2. Set appointments ahead.
3. Say "no" more often.
4. Smile.
5. Schedule play time into every day.
6. Strive for excellence, not perfection.
7. Ask someone to be your "vent-partner."
8. Always have a plan "B."
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# FEATURES

## "Passion" shows a passionate Christ in brutal detail

By Devon Bostock  
NEWS EDITOR

As a Christian and a film buff, I was eager to see "The Passion of the Christ." I had heard so much about it, good and bad, though nothing in between. No matter what, I assumed it would be moving.

On a film-making level, it was quite good. The cinematography was excellent. The editing was good. Mel Gibson's use of symbolism was uncanny. He was able to take the event and bring it to life.

The problem was that the film focused only on the event, the torture and crucifixion of Jesus. For those who have little to no knowledge of the Bible, the film will be nothing more than a knock-off of the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." Jesus, aside from glimpses shown in flashback, was never developed as a character. This was simply about the last 12 hours of his life, nothing more. He was surrounded by human emotions, with no explanation as to why these people either hated or loved him. To those of us who know already, like myself, it was obvious; but the fact that an unstudied non-believer could see the film and still have no understanding of the sacrifice that we believe Jesus made meant that the film was more of an inside joke for those who already believe.

Then there is the problem that most modern Christian denominations base their faith on an understanding of what transpired, but primarily on the ascension, not the pain that Christ endured. I can see, however, that the film would be quite valuable to Catholics, like Gibson, whose faith tends to come out of the understanding of suffering and punishment, sin and confession.

To further the problem, the film is regarded by some to be anti-Semitic. Now I am no religious scholar, but I have studied religion, and I saw no evidence of anti-Semitism in the film. I felt that Gibson's addition of Satan into the storyline did more than enough to clear him of that accusation, and as Billy Graham said, "It is our sins that caused his death, not any particular group."

All of this being said, it is easy to see why so many people are coming out against the film, including a host of movie critics. It is a venture based on faith that few people have. In the same way that it uplifts some, it alienates others, not to mention the fact that it is extraordinarily graphic in its depiction of Christ's suffering.

Even so, I felt the level of violence was appropriate, though the level of graphic detail did go over-board from time to time. I felt that the slow motion shots of Christ's flesh being ripped out by a cat-o'-nine-tails

were too much. I was approached with the theory that most people don't understand how the weapon works. Unfortunately, this argument doesn't apply because Gibson included a scene before the whipping where a soldier used the weapon to hit a table, showing that even when it hit wood, the tails did a significant amount of damage. It is my feeling that after showing how the weapon worked, most people only needed to see Christ being whipped with it to get the point. The slow-motion flesh shots failed to drive the point home because it was already there.

The movie was filled with moments like this when the level of goriness could have been reined in. Yet even with the amount of publicity the film and its level of brutality have received, people still flocked to the theater two weeks after its release. I was in a theater with more than 100 other people, many of whom had taken small children. That is where my criticism turns from the film to the people watching it.

As the film progressed and the violence heightened, many children in the audience began to cry. Why? Perhaps because this film is so intense that it was causing actual trauma. Children, especially very young ones, do not have the capacity to understand concepts like death and sacrifice, two things

that the story of Christ abounds in. They also do not have the attention span to read subtitles for two hours. These children had no idea why this man on screen was being tortured; just that he was and it was scary. Mel Gibson won't even allow his own children to watch the movie. Why? Because it is not for children.

What sickens me the most is that I saw news broadcasts with priests and pastors recommending that people take their children to see the film. People, this is ignorance at its worst. Fortunately, as college students, many of you don't have to worry about children of your own, but be wary when it comes to younger siblings. This film is something to be taken very seriously and should only be watched by those capable of doing so.

However, I do think the film is worthwhile. This is why I do not cover the traditional aspects of a review. They are meaningless here. This film is all about context. I think that there are many people who stand to benefit from it. But it must be taken as what it is. It is a graphic story of pain and death. It is a vivid depiction of part of the Bible story that many of us grew up reading.

The point is: go see the movie. Be prepared, but don't necessarily expect to be changed. And for His sake, don't take any kids.

## Drama department to bring one-act plays to CLU

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University is the proud host of the spring season for the drama department. Two original one-act musicals have been put together and will be performed this month. The two productions this month are "Hamlet, Disco Dane of Denmark" and "Isabella Met a Fella."

"Hamlet, Disco Dane of Denmark," written and directed by Kenneth Gardner, is set in the year 1976. It tells the story of Prince Hamlet, who returns home to find that his father, who is king of the disco nightlife, has been murdered. As Hamlet searches for the person who killed his father, he must rule over New York's disco nightlife. What might be the most interesting feature of the play is that Shakespearean verses will be set to a disco beat.

"Isabella Met a Fella," is written and directed by Kevin P. Kem. The story is a classic girl meets boy, girl loses boy tale, combined with rock and roll.

The middle of April will bring to CLU another original one-act play, "Dancing in Hell," written by George Bernard Shaw and directed by James Carey. The play is a sexy tango and salsa reworking of the classic play. This feature will be hitting the main stage April 22 through April 30 and May 1 through May 2.

All of the plays will be in Preus Brandt Forum at 8 p.m. General admission is \$8 and admission is free with a student ID.

## Comic and television artists to speak today

By Tina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

As part of the third annual Interactive Arts festival, California Lutheran University will be hosting artist Nathan Cabrera and television producer Dan Clark in a talk about their previous and present work. It will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 4 p.m. in the Kwan Fung Gallery of Art and Culture in the Soiland Humanities building.

Cabrera began his career straight out of high school by producing books for Image Comics, Marvel, DC and others. He now has an extensive resume in the comic book industry. Cabrera is also a professional in the toy industry; he has done work for Hasbro and Mattel and also is the lead designer/sculptor for the Span of Sunset Shop and Necessaries Toy Foundation, which produce toys for the edgier

market. He will be showing the toy making process, from the beginning stage to how it looks after production, at the talk also.

Hailing from Oxnard, Calif., Cabrera is eager to help students aspiring to get into the comic book or children's entertainment field.

"I want to give back to younger people what a lot of professionals did for me. I was lucky enough really young to run into a lot of really cool people who kind of showed me the ropes; I almost felt obligated into passing on the torch," Cabrera said. "I know how confused I was when I was young; how I wanted to work in comic books when I turned 17 and how impossible that seemed. I just want to give back to anyone that's confused or interested in art in any way."

Dan Clark is a Peabody Award-winning writer and series creator. He is also the engine for The Dan Clark Company, which has produced shows like "Brats of the Lost Nebula,"

for Kids WB! with the Jim Henson Company, as well as "The Same-Ums!" for the Discovery Kids channel. He has also worked on redeveloping the comic action franchise "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." Clark received the George Foster Peabody Award for "Totally for Kids," a kid's ethics campaign for the Fox Kids Network.

Students of all majors are encouraged to attend.

"Where I come from and where Dan comes from is two different places and we meet in the middle," Cabrera said. "Anybody that wants to see cool art and understand how they can do whatever they want to do in the future or just have questions about anything that concerns art should definitely come."

The admission is free and open to the public. Anyone wanting more information can call the multimedia department at x3241.

## Game "Sands of Time" is puzzling yet fun

By Mathew Berner  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

With the original release of 1989's "Prince of Persia" came the renewal of the industry's interest in the action-adventure genre as well as the raising of the bar for games to come. With the passing of nearly 15 years, not until now has a game been attached to the "Prince of Persia" title that so doubtlessly deserved it. Captivating its audience with riveting game play and incredible ingenuity, "Sands of Time" fuses together interactive 3D environments with motion pictures to create one distinguished game.

In an attempt to depict a true cinematic experience, "Sands of Time" flows close to perfect from cut-scene to game play; even the game's opening menu and 'new game' option creates a near-flawless transition. Dramatic imagery and reputable 3D environments capture what one would expect of an ancient Persian Empire. Whether swinging from the castle tree branches or dashing along the wall in hopes of avoiding one of many

spiked pits, the young prince's fluid acrobatics are just as visually astounding, if not more so, than the environment itself. Even the castle's tapestries come to life as the young prince's actions cause them to ruffle in his wake as he dashes past them.

"Sands of Time" can be picked up and enjoyed by any age group. Taking perhaps five minutes to adjust to the controls, the character's abilities consist of far more than simple adventure game actions. Climbing columns, swinging from ropes, strafing along ledges, and dashing along walls in either vertical or horizontal directions are a few of the young prince's numerous abilities. Many puzzles fill the enchanted castle, each fitting smoothly into the flow of the game. Spike pits, levers, pulleys, and razor-sharp saw blades decorate the vast and expansive halls.

Nearly as intuitive as the puzzles is the battle system. Beyond basic button mashing, the player is able to get behind his enemies by scaling them, as well as diving off walls in what often turns out to be a one-hit kill. Exciting at first, espe-

cially after incorporating the abilities of rewinding and slowing time, battle tends to become a chore as the game's main fights consist of far more enemies than necessary. Even with the prince's pristine abilities, players can expect to participate in any of the game's major battles countless times. And don't forget, if at any time you find yourself neglecting to steal the souls of your fallen enemies, they may jump back up to continue their assault. That, along with keeping your less-than-useless ally alive, often causes battles to take much longer than the player would like.

The game offers a unique feel of excitement and wonder that has not been seen in a long time. While unlockables such as an original "Prince of Persia" port do exist, unless you feel like cheating, you will most likely walk through the entire game without discovering them.

This game is a must-rent if not purchase, first for those who love the mind-blowing puzzles, and second for those who love hack-and-slash action that pulses strongly through the game's veins.

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# OPINION

## Cohab. policy needs revision



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The administration's recent decision to vote against an RHA proposal, endorsed by the majority of the student population, to change the current visitation left me shocked and appalled to my bitter core.

The proposal sought to change the current visitation policy to allow 24-hour visitation privileges on weekends. This would have made the cohabitation rule enforceable only during the week. In essence, the proposal would have protected the positive intent of the current visitation policy and updated the old-fashioned policy to reflect the requests of the current student body.

The intent of policy is two-fold: to prevent dorm residents from being overwhelmed by a roommate's significant other spending every night in the dorm, and secondly, to discourage sexual relations in the residence halls.

By abolishing the cohabitation rule only on weekends, it would preserve the former while being realistic about the latter. It is both naïve and absurd to assume that by prohibiting members of the opposite sex from congregating in dorms for five hours during the night will discourage sexual relations. Any sexually active student or pragmatic administrator knows that sex can occur before 2 a.m. Thus, the second prong of the policy's intent is not currently met.

RHA director Alex Mallen noted that, "Although the proposal represented the preferred policy of the majority of the student residential community, the cabinet was unanimous in the perspective that the current policy is more reflective of the history, character and philosophy of California Lutheran University as a residential college that the current administration wishes to maintain."

Despite any objections the administration may raise, university policy should not reflect

history. Outdated (or historical) policies need to be replaced. CLU is a progressive university (especially compared to other Lutheran universities), and the school's policies should be representative of this. The current visitation policy prohibits members of the opposite sex from being in the same dorm between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. and students found in violation of this policy receive harsh sanctions. It is unclear how the current policy reflects CLU's "character" or "philosophy."

Currently, the policy fails to consider the sexual relations or other habits of same-sex couples. Thus, same-sex couples are exempt from the cohabitation rules of the visitation policy. On its face, the policy assumes that all couples are composed of members of the opposite sex. Certainly, this is an outdated assumption that holds little merit in today's society. Administrators must realize that some CLU students participate in same-sex relationships.

It is time the administration takes into account the requests of the students and the sexual revolution of recent generations. The visitation policy should be changed to reflect the changing atmosphere here at CLU and elsewhere.

## Donald trumps ratings

By Brandee J. Tescon  
COLUMNIST

Finally, real-estate mogul Donald Trump is venturing into a place he has never been before: reality T.V. Ever since its debut last January, "The Apprentice" has been a bona fide prime time hit. Its premiere episode took the golden time slot after "Friends" and, with it, about 18.5 million viewers.

The show has consistently drawn in almost 19 million viewers per week, even while competing with CBS's reigning hit "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and Fox's "American Idol."

Numbers like those haven't been seen since Evan Marriott "punk'd" a slew of women into thinking he was "Joe Millionaire" in January 2003.

In this new reality show, 16 aspiring business moguls compete to win Trump's favor and land "the dream job of a lifetime" as his yearlong protégé at one of The Donald's top companies at a salary of \$250,000 a year.

In a time of economic instability, a six-figure corporate gig at The Trump Organization is looking mighty enticing, not to mention how far some of these people will go to capture that primo title. After all, you can't have a reality show without some sleaze, right? Welcome to Wall Street, folks.

Special "job assignments" will

force the feisty aspiring entrepreneurs to think outside the box in order to outperform each other to get to the top. Let the catfights and backstabbing begin.

"Most of them will be assignments that executives face in their daily lives. The twist is that these teams are thrown out to the wolves of the New York business world with only a few days to complete incredibly difficult tasks, many of which have hundreds of thousands of dollars at stake," said a spokesperson for the show.

Now, as a communication major with a business minor, I, along with many other college students, applaud Donald for forging this new type of reality show that actually puts brains above brawn.

However, experts have criticized the women for using their sex appeal to win the assignments. In the last episode, when the teams were instructed to run a popular Times Square restaurant, the women joined customers on the floor while taking shots of liquor. Some deem their act as unethical. Others see it as using their natural assets. After all, sex does sell.

So who has the savvy to make it to the top of the corporate ladder? With half of the participants now gone, it appears to be anyone's game.

And, at this point, with a quarter-million dollar paycheck on the line, the game will only get dirtier.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Echo,

A Bi-screen social? The Gay Men's Choir? Did these events occur at California Lutheran University? The last time I checked I thought I was attending a Christian university. As a fairly new student to CLU, I had applied under the pretense that I was applying to a Christian university and that that university would promote Christian morals. I believe in allowing a diversity of opinions, but it is misleading for prospective students who apply to the university who expect to be immersed in a Christian environment and are not.

Despite being completely contradictory to the Christian faith, the Gay Men's Choir is discriminatory. What if I started a choir that was exclusively heterosexual? Even more so, the CLU health office distributes condoms. Now, I'm not so naïve as to believe that premarital sex does not occur on campus. However, this school should not be encouraging it. Situations like these should not be accepted. This university was founded and established with a Christian foundation.

Last year JIF (Jesus is Freedom) received hostility for "shoving Christianity in people's faces" inappropriately by displaying "too many" crosses on campus; but for some reason no such hostility exists when a giant closet is placed in the middle of campus for people to "come out" of. There are many other public universities in which students can express whatever they want. If this university wants to maintain its Christian credibility, it should either remove the Christian label or remove the practices that contradict Christian thought and behavior. If you are going to call me "homophobic," I am not. Let me clear this up now so there is no confusion: my entire point for writing this editorial is to understand how California Lutheran University can claim to support both Christian doctrine and the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), which clearly goes against the tenets of Christianity.

Michael Falcone  
Sophomore

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# Pioneers trek all over the Kingsmen's winning streak, taking both games in the double header



Photograph by Kyle Peterson

*You're out! California Lutheran's second baseman tags his base before the runner and turns to first to finish the double-play.*

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball winning streak was off to a good start this week, but it was broken on March 20.

The Kingsmen first took on the Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles on Monday, March 15. The score was tied at 1-1 in the fifth inning until sophomore Christian Hariot doubled in junior Clay Alarcon to put CLU in the lead.

The Kingsmen also had two more RBI singles by junior David Ramirez; he finished the day off three-for-four. Senior Doug Carnett earned the first save of the year for the Kingsmen. Junior Lionel Carrizales picked up the win for the Kingsmen. He gave up two runs on five hits in eight innings, and he struck out five.

The Kingsmen then took on the Westmont Warriors on Tuesday, March 16. The Kingsmen were victorious, winning the

game 8-5. CLU was down 2-0 before they tied the score in the fourth inning; they then added two more in the fifth. They also scored four in the sixth.

Alarcon was three-for-four with an RBI, two runs scored and three stolen bases. Junior Simon Lozano had two hits and three RBIs. Sophomore Matt Hirsh got the win for the Kingsmen; he gave up three runs on eight hits, and struck out five in six innings. Junior Billy Weber picked up the save after two innings.

"We got off to a slow start, then settled down and came back with the win. I love playing with them, especially because we always battle it out, we just want that win so badly," Lozano said.

The Kingsmen's 10-game winning streak came to an end on Saturday, March 20, against Cal State Hayward. The Kingsmen played a doubleheader against them, losing both. The first game score was 8-7, while the second was not as good. Hayward crushed CLU, 6-1.

## Winning streak ends

By Scott Flanders  
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Cal Baptist put an end to the Regals' softball seven-game win streak on Thursday, March 18, at Lancer Field. The Lancers shut out the Regals in the first game 6-0 and again in game two 10-0.

California Lutheran University dropped to 8-12 overall, while the Lancers upped their record to 18-6.

The story of the first game was a no-hit-ter thrown by Cal Baptist senior Lisa Spencer. She pitched all seven innings, allowing no hits and gave up just two walks. Geanie Jenkins had two hits, two RBIs and scored a run for the Lancers.

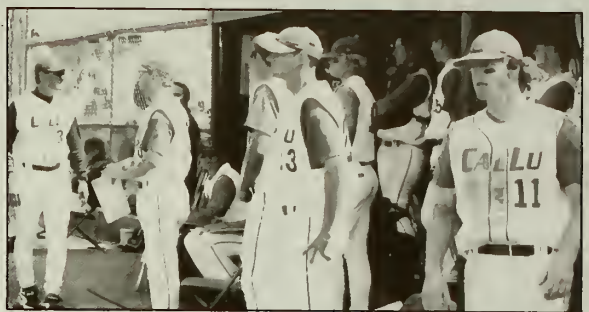
Olivia Chacon pitched 5.1 innings, giving up six runs and 10 hits for Cal Lutheran.

In game two, the Regals were kept quiet again while Cal Baptist scored 10 runs.

Cal Lutheran started Danielle Everson who gave up five runs after two innings. Gianna Regal took over the pitching duties but allowed five more runs to cross after 1.2 innings. Carrie Mitchell and Meagan Loesche had Cal Lutheran's only hits for the day.

Candice Thomas and Amanda Xavier combined to pitch a two-hitter for Cal Baptist. Leadoff hitter Jamie Lowe hit a grand slam off Everson in the second inning.

The Regals will participate in the Tucson Tournament Friday, March 26, through Saturday, March 27.



Photographs by Kyle Peterson

*Above: The California Lutheran University baseball team looks on as its teammate is up to bat. Below: Pitcher Daug Carnett takes a moment to converse with his catcher.*

"We have to give credit where credit is due. They were a good team and they were hard to beat," Junior Dominick Macri said.

Cerda was a perfect three-for-three with a home run and a pair of RBIs. Junior Johnnie Machado also had a home run. Junior Jon Calmes went six innings and gave up five runs on 11 hits. Weber took the loss.

The Kingsmen had 12 hits in the first game but in the second game, they just couldn't get their bats into swing and finished with only one hit.

Junior Nick Bjork had a solo home run. Carrizales took the loss; he gave up six runs and struck out five in 7.2 innings.

"We need to get back to capitalizing on the opportunity. We need to play good defense and hit the ball a lot better, like we did during our 10-game winning streak. That's how we won and we need to keep it like that," Bjork said.



## Silvertrust makes All-Tourney team

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen golf team placed ninth out of 16 NCAA Division III teams after two rounds at the Huntington Invitational.

"Our team did well," Head Coach Jeff Lindgren said. "I was happy with the way we played. We struggled a bit on both days with the fourth score. Because of the golf course being in great shape, everyone had a chance to do better."

"They were all NCAA Division III teams, mostly from Georgia and North Carolina," Lindgren said. "We were the only team from California. There were a couple teams from Louisiana, there were a couple teams from Alabama and one team from Texas."

"It was definitely a fun time," freshman Christian Colunga said. "It was a good place, and we had great weather. The spa was nice. We did all right; we could have done better."

The team shot a 316 in the first round on Monday, March 15, as senior Jordan Silvertrust completed the par-72 course 3-up. Junior Jason Poyser finished with a 77, sophomore Peder Nyhus finished with a 78 and Colunga and freshman Nick Vemer finished with an 86 and an 88, respectively.

The Kingsmen shot a 309 in the second round on Tuesday, March 16, with Silvertrust shooting a 71, Poyser shooting a 75, Colunga

shooting a 79 and Nyhus and Vemer both shooting an 84.

Silvertrust made the All-Tournament team by placing third out of 96 people.

"Jordan Silvertrust played really well," Lindgren said. "He's working extremely hard. He was two-over par total for the two rounds."

Silvertrust said that only the top five players with the lowest scores make the team and that scores in the tournament are counted differently than in the SCIAC.

"We counted two low scores in the 70s," Silvertrust said. "In the SCIAC, we have six guys and we count the four lowest scores. But in the tournament, we only have five guys and we count four, so we have the sixth guy to rely on."

"There was definitely a lot of good competition [at the tournament]," Colunga said. "There were definitely a lot more consistent teams, compared to the SCIAC teams."

The team travels to Lompoc for the Kingsmen Invitational on March 22 and March 23 and competes in its last invitational on April 5 and April 6.

"We were very happy with the weather and with the way we played," Silvertrust said. "We definitely want to finish in the top spot at the Kingsmen Invitational. Finishing in the top three spots in both tournaments will help us advance to the NCAA National Tournament."

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# Water polo secures second victory



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Above: Freshman goalie Kayla Schrock saves another goal. Top right: Junior Britany Zubiate looks for a pass. Bottom right: Junior Danielle Rios dodges defenders.

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University's women's water polo team split this week, as it lost to Wagner but picked up its second win of the season against Macalaster.

The Regals first took on Wagner at Oaks Christian School in Westlake, Calif., on Tuesday, March 16. It was a tough game for the Regals; they were drowned 15-5.

Freshman Mackenzie Faumuina scored the first goal in the first two minutes. Freshman Kenyuo Ishida also had two goals herself. Freshman goalie Kayla Schrock had eight saves.

"We just went in playing tough and worked as a team to do the best we could," Faumuina said.

The Regals scored one in the first quarter, two in the second and two in the fourth.

The Regals then took on Macalaster again at Oaks Christian School for the second time in four days. The Regals fought hard and were able to pull out the win; they beat Macalaster 7-5.

"We are glad to pull off the win and beat Macalaster for the second time," freshman Michele Hernandez said.

Junior Danielle Rios got a hat trick, pulling out three goals herself, while freshmen Scarlet Williams and Hernandez had two goals apiece. Schrock had 17 saves in the net.

The Regals scored two in the first quarter, three in the second and two in the fourth.

"We are happy with our improvements; we are working hard at every practice and game," Hernandez said. "We hope to continue with our improvements and to keep going strong."

CLU will be hosting Chapman Saturday, March 27, at home.

**"We are happy with our improvements; we are working hard at every practice and game."**

Michele Hernandez  
Freshman

## Regals play flawless tennis

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 18 California Lutheran University Regals started a tough midseason week against the Skidmore College Thoroughbreds on Monday, March 15.

The Regals, who defeated the Thoroughbreds 9-0, were in total control of the match from the beginning.

In doubles, the Thoroughbreds could not get more than six games from the Regals in the pro-sets. No. 1 doubles Jen Hansen and Rebecca Hunau defeated Heather Fuleihan and Whitney Dolan 8-2; No. 2 doubles Lisa Novajosky and Blair Murphy defeated Madeleine Pauli and Jill Damon 8-6 and No. 3 doubles Stephanie Perkins and Brianna Smalling defeated Chris Gale and Gabby Rosenthal 8-1.

In singles play, the Regals kept up the good work and didn't drop any matches. No. 1 (No. 22 nationally) Hansen defeated Whitney Dolan 6-0, 6-4 and also No. 2 (No. 47 nationally) Hunau defeated Chris Gale 6-1, 6-1. All the other singles scores were also favorable to the Regals.

"We knew that they were weaker than us, but yet again we still had to play our toughest and play like we have been playing. We are doing a great job at doubles and that gets us going for singles," senior Hunau said.

The next match of the week would come on Saturday, March 20, with a double header for the Regals at home, starting with a match against the Southwestern University Pirates where the Regals won with a sweep of 9-0. The Regals again started with a powerful doubles performance and attacked the Pirates, not letting them anywhere near a doubles point, dropping no more than seven games for all three pro-sets. Hunau and Hansen

defeated Tara Kurtz and Lauren Row 8-4 at No. 1 doubles, and Novajosky and Murphy defeated Melanie Kurtz and Melissa Taylor 8-2 at No. 2.

Singles proved a little more competitive up top where No. 22 Hansen struggled to beat Row with a score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 at No. 1 singles; No. 47 Hunau defeated Sandra Smith 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 singles; Novajosky defeated Taylor 6-1, 6-4 at No. 3 and Murphy defeated M. Kurtz 6-3, 6-1 at No. 4.

"This match was another tough win for us as a team. A lot of teams are coming out here for spring break, and I am happy that we are bulldozing all of them," sophomore Murphy said.

To finish the weekend matches, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes visited Thousand Oaks, Calif., to take on the Regals.

Again, with doubles under control from the very beginning, the Regals got their three points on the board with wins by all three doubles teams.

"Doubles has been a big part of our game against other schools and we have a great depth on the team. It was a good day to be a Regal on Saturday," Head Coach Nancy Garrison said.

Some of the highlights in singles against the Lutes were at No. 3 singles Novajosky defeated Katie Ogin 6-1, 6-0; No. 4 singles Murphy defeated Bria Smith 6-1, 6-1; and returning from injury to singles, No. 6 singles Stephanie Perkins defeated Elizabeth Galbraith 6-4, 6-1.

The Regals will face the University of the South Tigers at home on Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m. to try and keep the winning streak.

## Tennis experiences tough week

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

With half the tennis season gone this year, the California Lutheran Kingsmen had a very tough episode to go through this last week. On Tuesday, March 16, the Kingsmen were confronted by Whitman College who beat the Kingsmen in Thousand Oaks, Calif. The score, which showed trouble for the Kingsmen by losing the doubles point, was a spark for the Kingsmen.

Singles play would shape the match the same way when junior co-captain Quinn Caldaron would see himself fighting for the No. 1 singles match against Steven Ly at 3-3 and losing in three sets.

"He made me work a lot with his smart shots, exposing situations that I really haven't worked on a whole lot. This tells me that I have to work on other situations for the future," Caldaron said.

The scores that were favorable to the Kingsmen were only in singles. No. 2 J.V. Vallejos defeated David Miller 6-1, 6-4; No. 4 Junya Hasebe defeated Dane Miller 6-1, 6-2 and No. 6 Joel Wetterholm defeated Sam Spiegel 6-1, 6-3.

Another match-up that the Kingsmen would endure would be traveling to Santa Cruz, Calif. to play the University of the South on Friday, March 19, and also University of California Santa Cruz on Saturday, March 20.

The best match for the Kingsmen this week was against the University of the South

Tigers. The match ended with a score of 7-0.

"Some of us thought that it would be an easy match since we had never heard of them before and we started a little slow, but at the end we picked it up and ended up with a strong win to get us ready for the next day against the Slugs," sophomore Karlo Arapovic said.

Some of the scores against the Tigers were the wins created by Caldaron winning 6-4, 6-3 and also Vallejos who won 6-1, 6-2 against his opponent.

The one big focus of the trip was to play the University of California Santa Cruz Banana Slugs who are currently the No. 5 team in the nation in NCAA Division III. The Slugs have four players ranked individually in the top 30 and are also the No. 1 team on the West Coast.

The Slugs overpowered the Kingsmen, who are No. 12 in the nation. No. 1 singles Caldaron lost to Brian Casey 7-5, 6-3 and Hasebe lost to Shane Templeman 6-3, 6-2.

"The match could have gone either way, I felt. All the games went to deuce and I played great and I know that I could have beat him since I beat him at a tournament easily last year," said senior co-captain Hasebe.

Head Coach Mike Genette expected a great performance from the team this weekend.

"I thought it was a great weekend for the team. Every week the team gets better and better, and I can't wait to see how good the team will look in about a month," Genette said.

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Pacific Element bandmates Adam Jussel and Kyle Paterik perform one of the band's songs.



Coalition Bear lead singer Steve Ford thrashes around during the band's performance.

# Jamfest rocks CLU

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Students rocked the night away in the Preus-Brandt Forum, where California Lutheran University bands Pacific Element and Coalition Bear took to the stage at CLU's Jamfest on Tuesday, March 23.

Jamfest was a benefit concert held for The National Association for Music Education. A basket was placed in front of the door for students to leave donations.

Junior Adam Jussel organized the event in association with the Community Service Center.

"Adam came to me with the idea; we helped him find an organization," Community Service Center Director Angela Rowley said.

According to the MENC website, its mission is to "help advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all."

The night began with senior Jimmy Fox introducing Pacific Element.

Lead singer Kyle Paterik came out to the stage and joked with the audience that he was "a one-man band." As Paterik began to play the first song on his guitar, drummer Mike Judd appeared, and one-by-one guitarists Jussel and Nick Paul followed.

The band played a 45-minute set featuring the songs "Leave The Light On" and "Catch Me If You Can."

Between songs, Paterik joked with the audience and reminded people to give to the cause.

Pacific Element ended its set with the song titled "Home."

Between band performances, Fox asked lead singer of Coalition Bear Steve Ford what the band's style was like.

"It's like Kid Rock but, more Kid Rock," Ford

said. "Watch out for Jack Howard. He's freakin' crazy."

"I like to see these guys play. They go all out," Fox said as Coalition Bear took the stage.

Ford entered the stage by sliding down what appeared to be a firefighter's pole as the band opened up with its song "Twelve Floz."

Coalition Bear is made up of Ford on lead

**"I thought [Jamfest] was a really neat idea. It was a very worthwhile cause."**

Courtney Parks  
Junior

vocals, Jack Howard on guitar, Brian Wynn on guitar, Brett Leonard on drums and Quinn Brenston on bass.

"Adam asked our band [to play.] We love playing anywhere. It's for a good cause," Ford said.

During songs like "Clouded," "Remember" and "If it Stops," Ford entertained the crowd by jumping all over the stage as he sang.

During Coalition Bear's final song, Ford told the crowd members that if they did not get out of their seats, the band would not perform the last song.

The crowd was on its feet and a few students began a small mosh pit in front of the stage.

One fan rushed the stage as the band continued performing its last song. Then Ford dived off the stage and was caught by Jussel, who was in the crowd.

"I thought [Jamfest] was a really neat idea. It was a very worthwhile cause," junior Courtney Parks said. "It was fun to see them perform."



Coalition Bear bassist Quinn Brenston plays as Steve Ford belts out his lyrics.



Coalition Bear guitarist Jack Howard helps out on the vocals.

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# Women's Resource Center closing

By Tammy Austin  
STAFF WRITER

After nearly three decades of service, California Lutheran University's Women's Resource Center will close at the end of the spring semester 2004 as a result of shifting budgetary priorities and the need for reallocation of fiscal resources.

"It's a huge disappointment," said WRC Director Dr. Kateri Alexander. "The center has been a tremendous asset to the university. Students who can't find their way find a space for themselves in the center as a place where they can connect with the campus community."

"Over the last year we have carefully considered and weighed the issues and have come to a difficult decision to take this step and close the WRC," said CLU President

Luther Luedtke. "This, by no means, should be taken as a statement that the work of the WRC is not significant. It is, and there will be a continued effort to serve the needs of students of all diversities and genders."

The WRC and the Women's Studies program were established in 1974 to provide support and service to CLU students, staff, faculty and the surrounding communities. As part of the support services, the WRC provided five scholarships, advocacy programs, mentoring, community service and academic, financial and personal counseling. In particular, the center focused on the increasing number of re-entry women on campus and their specific issues.

According to Bill Rosser, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, there were two sources of funding for the center. About \$30,000 of proceeds came from the program Creative Options: A Day for Women.

The last Creative Options was held earlier this semester. This money was raised and spent by the WRC.

CLU's 2003-2004 fiscal budget contributed the other funding of \$45,690. It is this money that the university is cutting and redeploying to other categories.

"It was primarily a fiscal decision in order to make the university work on many levels next year. That includes things like other

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Dr. Kateri Alexander  
Former WRC Director

university programs, services and faculty salaries," Rosser said.

"The process has been reviewed by the University Planning and Budget Committee and will be continually assessed in order to devote resources most strategically," Luedtke said. "The decision was not easily reached but ultimately needed for the other programs of the university."

"Every year, two to three students, sometimes as many as five, are retained as a direct result of the support and services of the WRC," Alexander said. "This means that these students don't leave, transfer or quit CLU. In most instances, the student doesn't feel like she belongs. We help her find a connection that keeps her here."

"Every week, 10-20 people come to our Brown Bag lunch. We also receive a lot of daily e-mails and phone calls about the center and its services. Our strength is in the quality of the service we provide and in the time we take to be one-on-one," Alexander said.

"I have been close enough to the WRC to know that it does some very good things. From my perspective, we have to make some choices about which good things to do. I don't see it as a choice between good and bad alternatives. It is just setting aside one good thing in order to accomplish many other good things," Rosser said. "It is sad and disappointing, but realistic. I wish we could do it all, but we can't."

Students who wish to learn more about the closing of the WRC can contact Alexander at x3345 or Rosser at x3553.

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## Inter-American Development Bank to be involved in Encuentros Week

By Dr. Jessica Ramos-Harthun  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University has invited the Inter-American Development Bank to be the leading party in a videoconference session on issues related to the topic of indigenous peoples of the Americas during the Encuentros Week of April 19-23. This is a one-week festival dedicated to the promotion and appreciation of Latin American heritage and cultures within the CLU community.

CLU is using a new teaching methodology incorporating new technology, "The Transnational Classroom."

This approach promotes cultural exchange among countries and continents by connecting distant classrooms via videoconferencing technology. The Transnational Classroom, conceptualized and implemented by Dr. Jessica Ramos-Harthun and Dr. Lourdes Sanchez-Lopez, has been published in the Learning Conference 2004, Institute of Education, London and Dimension 2003, Models for Excellence in Second Language Education.

Last semester, CLU had a successful international videoconference series with the World Bank and the Organization of American States, including the simultaneous participation of four other institutions in Mexico and throughout the United States as part of the Transnational

Classroom, fall 2003. Internationally recognized figures, such as assistant secretary general of the OAS, Ambassador Luigi R. Einaudi and the permanent representative of Mexico to the OAS, Ambassador Miguel Ruiz-Cabañas Izquierdo, joined the videoconference to discuss contemporary Inter-American issues such as NAFTA and hemispheric security.

The upcoming videoconference, "Encuentros with the Inter-American Development Bank," is scheduled for April 21 from 12 to 2 p.m. and will cover several issues within the indigenous peoples of the Americas, the impact of globalization on these communities and the developmental objectives of the IDB.

Anne Deruyttere, chief of indigenous peoples and Community Development Unit, Sustainable Development Department at the IDB, will be the main speaker of the event.

The expected outcome will be an increased awareness among students and faculty on issues related to indigenous peoples. Students will have the opportunity to place this issue in a social and historical perspective.

The technical support comes from David Grannis, director of educational technology.

For more information, contact Ramos-Harthun at x3435.

## Summer housing info

By Angela Naginye  
PRESS RELEASE

Students who would like to live on campus after the spring 2004 semester and before the fall 2004 semester must meet one of the following criteria listed below.

The cost for summer housing will be \$1,800 for the full 15 weeks. The room and board cannot be separated and allows \$35 per week to eat on campus. Summer housing applications and contracts will be available to pick up on April 12 and will be due April 30.

The criteria are as follows:

- \* Attending summer school at CLU full-time (6 units) for each session. (12 units for the entire summer)
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## FEATURES

## Do you kiss on a first date?



Cory Hughes, English, 2004

"It all depends on where you kiss."



Valerie Vallejos, marketing communication, 2006

"It's something I don't do, but if others want to, good for them."



Kaleena Chappell, music, 2007

"It just depends on the person."



Michelle Ridenour, biology/chemistry, 2007

"It depends on how the date is going and if you feel a connection."



Marc Behnia, marketing communication, 2004

"I think it's a given."



Brionna Morse, liberal studies, 2005

"Peck, yes. Tongue, no. And no longer than two seconds."



Brendan Garrett, asst. basketball coach

"It's people's right to do what they want on dates... Personally, I don't believe in kissing until the wedding night."



Deanna Sheldon, business, 2006

"I think it is unnecessary."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Jimmy Fox. Photography is by Claire Hillard.

## Car of the Week



Car of the Week is compiled by Kyle Peterson  
Junior Brian Hoover smokes the tires on his 1991 Mustang GT. Under his carbon fiber cowl induction hood is his custom built 347 stroker, 500 h.p. V8. After investing over \$25,000, the Mustang is just the way he wants it.

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## FEATURES

## Ghost haunts CLU music house attic

By Moriah Harris-Rodger  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Maybe it gets boring in the attic of the music house. She might feel lonely among the broken xylophones and piles of paper. Perhaps she misses her three sons, who used to sleep in those two small rooms that make up the attic. Maybe she doesn't like it that half of her house is cluttered with filing cabinets, old computers and instrument cases.

That could be why she turns on the lights at night when she's alone, so the humming of the bulbs can break the silence. Possibly the bumps heard by the music faculty happen when she trips over the boxes and stacks of music cluttering the rooms. Maybe she just wants people to remember whose house it is.

"Sometimes at night, when we have long recording sessions in the Ed Tech building, the lights in the music house would turn on and off," sophomore Jack Howard said.

Howard has heard stories about Karn Pederson's ghost around the music department.

Pederson was the owner of the house until her sons sold it around the time of her death in 1960. According to records, she is probably the only woman who has lived in the house.

"She haunts it, I guess," Howard said.

Kristal Oz, the administrative assistant to the music department since October, has her office on the first floor of the music house.

Oz's first experience with the ghost was when she was alone in the house and was using the restroom. She heard someone try to open the door while she was in there, but when she opened the door, the house was empty.

"Okay, I'm not going to think about this too much," Oz said of the incident.

Joanne Tomlinson worked as the administrative assistant to the music department for seven years before Oz. She was interested to find out for herself if the ghost stories she heard from California Lutheran University security guards were true.

Tomlinson remembered the security guards telling her that "they'd be on night

duty and there'd be a light on and then off and the house would be locked," she said.

"I have driven by when the lights were on upstairs," Tomlinson said. She thinks that there is a possibility that one of the professors was getting music in the attic of the music house, but she isn't sure and doubts that a professor would do it at night.

She said that the music faculty heard noises every once in a while, too.

She used to give a Boy Scout troop tours in the attic each year because they could earn a badge for going into a haunted house.

"When you get up there, you get a shiver, a funny feeling," Tomlinson said.

"I personally haven't heard anything that I couldn't account for," said Dan Geeting, professor of music.

"This structure was built in 1911. The joints and everything are very loose. That it moves around and creaks and moans is not surprising," Geeting said. "But what Kristal described doesn't sound like the house moving."

Geeting said that he doesn't discount the ghost stories, but he doesn't have any

of his own.

Dorothy Schechter, professor of music who has worked at CLU since 1976, doubts that the ghost is Pederson's. She does know that the ghost is the ghost of a woman, though.

"Years ago, I saw a shadow walk across the window," Schechter said. She described the ghost as an apparition wearing a gauzy dress but was faint and with undefined features.

"There's no way somebody was here; the office was locked," she said. Not even housekeeping goes up to the attic, she said. "It's off limits, not very safe."

Schechter has never been scared of the ghost and says that the ghost "probably lived here and feels comfortable being here."

"All these crazy stories and they're all true, and that makes it kind of scary," Howard said.

For those who wonder if the ghost they have seen around the music house, at the corner of Faculty and Regent, is Pederson, photos of Pederson and her family can be found in the hall of the admissions building.

## "Spellbound" movie and director come to CLU

By Yuri Perez  
STAFF WRITER

The movie "Spellbound," produced by Sean Welch, is not only about spelling but also humor. The documentary, directed by Jeff Blitz, officially premiered in March 2002 at the Texas Film Festival. The movie is about the three-day National Spelling Bee Championship of 1999, in Washington, D.C. The participants of the spelling bee were elementary and middle school students who had won county and state spelling bees.

Out of about 249 students, only 8 students were featured in the film and interviewed thoroughly. The casting for this movie took several months. The production team had to go through numerous casting rounds and interviews before finalizing the official cast for the film. Those who were chosen were observed in their methods of studying and preparing for the spelling bee. All of the personalities of the students vary and so do their reasons for wanting to win. For most of the children, winning this contest meant everything and they were willing to sacrifice fun activities to prepare for the competition.

The film lasts approximately an hour and 45 minutes. The first half covers the interviews of the students, and the second half of the film covers the actual spelling bee.

After the showing of the film last Monday, March 22, at CLU there was a small discussion in Overton Hall with Welch. He described the casting process and answered questions about the film.

"I'll be using words in English, not in French this time," said Welch, joking about how the children in the film had to study French to learn the spelling of English words with French origins.

When asked what she thought about the humor in the film, CLU student Lorena Gomezshe said, "I thought it was a nice addition; I don't believe it would have turned out as good without it."

## Spring Break hot spots for students

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

It is that time again: all the studies can be left behind for a week of pure fun in the sun. The only question that remains is, where to go?

If you are a camper, some places to go are Joshua Tree National Park and Big Bear, both in California, a vacation spot for those that want to get away, but not too far. Also, Lake Powell, on the border of Arizona and Utah, is a great spot for those who want to get away.

Lake Powell is definitely the pick for Spring Break. Although it can get costly, it is definitely worth it. The scenery and surroundings could allow a tourist to explore for hours. It's a place where a group of friends can go rent a houseboat or gather all their camping gear and venture into the wilder-

ness. The average cost of this trip can range between \$500 to \$1000 plus, including the cost of food, lodging and gas. Resort lodging is expensive; the prices can range from \$150 to \$250 a night.

Joshua Tree or Big Bear Lake offer the same comforts as Lake Powell but are easier on the pocket. These two places are not far from the L.A. area, which means it's not going to be a long drive. There are also great opportunities, such as hiking, fishing, mountain biking and all around fun. Big Bear also offers cabins for rent, resorts and available campground.

For those who are looking for the Spring Break party scene, the recommended places are Hawaii, Mexico, Texas, Florida, Las Vegas and Atlanta. These places are all about sleeping during the day and clubbing during the night. The most expensive places to stay are on the Las Vegas Strip, but if a big enough group goes together, it can be done.

## Students donate to United Blood Services

By Sierra McGuire  
STAFF WRITER

The risk of identity theft didn't deter California Lutheran University students from donating their blood this past week. The United Blood Services truck arrived last Monday, uncertain how many students would be donating blood after the confidentiality scare.

Students, along with thousands of donors, received a letter in early February notifying them about the possibility of identity theft. In December 2003, multiple computers belonging to United Blood Services were stolen while being repaired in Phoenix, Ariz. The computers contained confidential information including donor names, addresses, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

Fortunately for student donors at risk of having their confidential information accessed, Patrick McEvoy, executive vice president of operations for United Blood Services, said, "The records on our computers are protected by multiple layers of security and are not readily accessible."

"We have no indication that any

information contained on these stolen computers has been accessed or misused. We believe [the thieves] were after the hardware and not the information located on those computers," McEvoy said.

The incident did not stop students from donating. Blood has a variety of beneficial functions, including carrying oxygen and other nutrients to all parts of the body. It also fights off infections and heals wounds.

"People are donating as much this year as have in the past, but we hope everyone donates. We need more heroes," said Sam Brushal, a volunteer for the United Blood Services.

Students may be afraid to give blood, but it's due to needles and not identity theft, according to a survey done by America's Blood Center.

"I usually donate blood by my house, but I don't have time. So I donated here. I'm not afraid," said sophomore Blanca Cortez.

Anyone with questions or information concerning the theft or donating blood are encouraged to contact United Blood Services at [questions@bloodservices.org](mailto:questions@bloodservices.org) or call 1-866-827-4376.



Photography by Bell Lopez  
Junior Stephanie Wyer drinks juice after donating blood.



# OPINION

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo,

First of all, I applaud sophomore Michael Falcone! No offense, but finally, a letter to the editor worth reading. Basically, Mr. Falcone expressed everything I have felt at my California "Lutheran" University experience. I do not feel one bit that my Christian morals have been validated or developed at this school. The major reason I chose to come to CLU was to express and grow in my Christianity. As Mr. Falcone clearly indicates, this school promotes more un-Christian morals than Christian.

I am appalled at the amount of homosexual marketing that the school promotes and that when I did not wear a ribbon or sign the petition or go to the social or walk through the closet in support of homosexuality I was the odd man out in a Christian school. I 110 percent agree with Mr. Falcone. What kind of Christian school is this? In my opinion, this university has lost its Christian credibility. You have to walk the talk. Mr. Falcone could not have said it better. CLU either needs to stop claiming to be a Christian school (Wednesday chapel and a few clubs do not qualify as promoting Christian morals) or start promoting the ideals it advertises. Isn't false advertising illegal? Ultimately, the purpose of this school is to promote Lutheran academia; that was why it was founded and a major reason why people donate; in other words, this school has lost its purpose by selling out to the politically correct movement.

Anonymous

Dear Echo,

I read with interest the March 24 Letter to the Editor which denounced CLU for ostensibly sanctioning certain groups and practices on campus that the writer characterized as un-Christian. Well, I'm neither Christian nor particularly religious, so I cannot validly comment on the writer's assertion. However, for the past 23 years I have been proud to work for a university that seems to place tolerance and acceptance, as well as the celebration of diversity, ahead of the strict interpretation of religious tenets.

Edward H. Julius  
Professor of Accounting

Dear Echo:

Wow, Michael Falcone, thank you so much for writing your letter to the editor last week. I didn't know that CLU students still misunderstood homosexuality and its position in the Lutheran church. Your arguments seem cold and closed-minded. Your letter reminds me of something written during the Civil Rights Movement by someone who shunned blacks or during the women's movement by someone who tried to suppress women.

Yes, Mr. Falcone, you are naïve. The ELCA Lutheran church is Christian and it is also quite accepting of homosexuals compared to other denominations of Christianity. Many ELCA Lutheran churches find nothing wrong with homosexuality. I have attended a few Lutheran churches that are safe havens for gays; even when the gay members are out of the closet, they can have active roles in the church. I can understand that some Lutherans may not have seen this side of Lutheranism, but finding homosexuality as anti-Christian is not a widespread view of the Lutheran church. Also, CLU has a diversity policy, encouraging a diverse student population. Thank goodness!

I am an avid supporter of gay rights because nothing is wrong with homosexuality. Men can have stronger, more Christian, relationships with their boyfriends than some men have with women. How dare Mr. Falcone play God and pretend that he can judge the "Christian-ness" of homosexuality or the "Christian-ness" of CLU.

I am proud to attend a school that has Harmony Week the same week it hosts Presidential Scholars, but I am not proud to attend a school with people who think of gays similarly to Mr. Falcone. If any of you have a problem attending a liberal school, please, transfer. I cringe to think that I treat some of you with respect when you hate gays or homosexuality or believe that it isn't Christian. If any of you are my friends now, let me know so I can treat you the same way you treat gays, like you aren't important enough to have the rights of a straight person.

Moriah Harris-Rodger and Alex Scoble  
Communication, 2005

### Editor's Note

*Caveat emptor.*

We have foregone our regular editorial page in order to promote lively campus-wide debate concerning diversity here at California Lutheran University. While reading the following letters, please keep in mind that each letter represents only the opinion of its author.

The Echo supports free speech and encourages students to participate in public discourse. Hence, we have here published the most poignant of the many letters we received last week on this topic. A vast majority of letters we received were supportive of current and future efforts to diversify the CLU community. In fact, we only received one letter (upper left-hand corner) critical of recent campus trends aimed at diversification.

Currently, I have neither the inspiration nor inclination to write of the matters many of these letters discuss. However, for some reason which I fail to comprehend, the doomed words of outlaw journalist Hunter S. Thompson's echo in my mind: "In a closed society where everybody's guilty, the only crime is getting caught. In a world of thieves, the only final sin is stupidity."

Brett C. Rowland

Dear Echo,

In response to last week's inquiries about the intentions of Harmony Week and the direction of this school, I would like to extend a fragment of suggestion with a blanket of peace and understanding. It was a concern of Mr. Falcone, as well as other students, I'm sure, about the agenda of this school in its support over such things as the Gay Men's Chorus, Bi-Scream Social, etc. Before directly focusing on that, though, there is a dire need to mention the fact that never once was it cited in the letter the contents of such events. The chorus and social were smaller parts of a larger whole known as "Harmony Week." The fact that this was not even mentioned in the letter illustrates the misconstrued argument of this entire issue. The heart and soul of Harmony Week is to creatively and peacefully shed a little light on what might otherwise be foreign to the general population: the life and culture of GLBT (gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender) people.

The purpose of Harmony Week is to promote tolerance and understanding among people, to educate one another through art, music, literature and socialization. The event is in no way threatening or forceful of any agenda. To take a single piece of that event and demean it in any way is evidence that the message of equality through education and tolerance has been overlooked, quite unfortunately. Also, there was an assumption made that the Gay Men's Chorus was exclusively gay and discriminates over others that do not share the same sexual orientation. The chorus is no more discriminatory than the LASO (Latin American Student Organization) is, or the BSU (Black Student Union), or the Marketing Club. Any individual that walks with openness to experience is welcome into these clubs, including off-campus organizations. There is nothing wrong with wanting to identify with others with similar interests as long as it promotes a sense of community and wellbeing.

In respect to the fear of losing the "Christian foundation" this school might be subject to, no two people are the same. Every individual is as different as his or her opinions, morals and ideals. Within the Christian community, as well as

*"Every principle is a judgment, every judgment the outcome of experience, and experience is only acquired by the exercise of the senses ..."*

-Marquis de Sade

Dear Echo,

[In response to Michael Falcone's letter of 3-24-04] First of all, I'd like to extend a big thank you for your letter to the editor in last week's Echo. You have helped us prove our point of why the student population needs to be exposed to something like Harmony Week. Let me try and help answer some of your questions and clear up the misconceptions you have. When you applied to California Lutheran University, you obviously did not check your facts about the school. CLU is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA, who accept, embrace and welcome homosexuals. This may help you understand why CLU has established, funded and supported the Gay Straight Alliance, GSA.

Remind yourself that the GSA was not only in place before you started attending CLU, but that Gay Pride Week was established 12 years before you even thought of filling out an enrollment application. If you didn't want to apply under your assumed pretenses, then perhaps you should have read the "equal opportunity" paragraph on the application before you signed it. The application clearly states, "California Lutheran University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran's status, national origin, or ethnic origin." This school is a big mixed salad. They don't just want lettuce; they want cucumbers, tomatoes, olives, croutons and more. And I have news for you! CLU just accepted a \$400,000 diversity grant to encourage an even larger medley of students. If you wanted everything non-Christian to leave CLU, then you'd be asking to get rid of Sexual Responsibility Week, co-ed residence halls, global religion classes, the Jewish club, KFCU, Harmony Week and the list goes on and on. Don't these things make CLU a better place? Do us both a favor: open your mind, open your heart and try for a minute to understand the meaning of Gay-Straight Alliance. Try and understand the meaning and importance of Harmony Week. Please try and understand what your letter really said to people, and what it says about you. Let me set you straight, no pun intended, but the definition of homophobia does include discrimination against homosexuality, which you clearly do. Please beat the hate, my friend.

Sierra McGuire  
Communication, 2004

any given community, there is a difference of such opinions, etc. What may be acceptable to one Christian may not be to another. To say this school is purely Christian is to flat-out deny the other half of the students that include Buddhists, Gnostics, Jews, etc. Personally, despite the religious domination, I would be afraid to go to a school where I could not be myself. This Christian utopia mentioned is narrow and unrealistic. One should take pride that they can express themselves more safely and without paralyzing protest.

Take pride in the fact that we get to be exposed to different ideas, cultures, classes and styles. Be thankful that this is a place where you are met with smiles and encouragement, rather than threats and censorship. Thank God for bringing together such a kaleidoscopic array of people to meet and learn from. College is about being exposed to fresh ideas and observing how others may view the world, while hopefully being open to these things at the same time. This school cares for its students and the precious diversity that comes with human nature. CLU is in no danger of losing credibility; rather it is gaining credibility with every event that takes place, despite its origin of support. The richness of this university lies within the unity of all things Christian and non-Christian. Diversity and education are what makes us better people at heart.

In closing, be thankful that you are not the minority. For if such were the case, you might be forced to see things through someone else's eyes and be required to muster a bit of empathy. Try please to imagine those you may be hurting in your determination to prove yourself. In the instance of staying true to the Christian mindset, let's remember to love each other's differences rather than fight them. If what people do is so "wrong," then perhaps an effort to quietly forgive would be more desirable than executing an intellectual attack. Either way, when all is said and done, we are in this life together; so let us do our best to live it well in the sanction of sincerity and tolerance.

Sarah N. Mendivel  
2004

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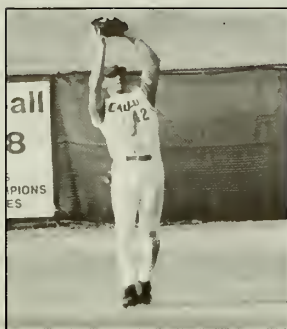
## SPORTS

## Kingsmen baseball splits week



Photograph by Dan Norton

Above: Junior Michael Cerda strays from first base, looking to steal second. Below: Senior Jake Highsmith catches a routine fly ball in the outfield.



By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team split this week as it lost to Hayward but was able to crush Westmont. The Kingsmen took on CSU Hayward in their final of a three-game series Sunday, March 21. The Kingsmen lost again to the Pioneers, 11-4.

Hayward scored all the runs that they would need in the second inning. CLU did fight back; the team got two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning on a single hit by senior Ryan Hostetler.

Hostetler was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Junior Mike Cerda and junior Simon Lozano had two hits apiece. Sophomore Matt Hirsh



Photographs by Dan Norton

Freshman pitcher Nathan Cusick delivers the pitch while center-fielder junior Jeremy Koenig prepares to field the ball. Cusick went five innings for the win against Westmont.

took the loss for the Kingsmen; he gave up seven runs on eight hits and struck out four in 5.1 innings.

"It was a disappointing loss and weekend for us, but it was a nonconference game, so we are still going strong in conference and we hope to keep it that way," Hostetler said.

The Kingsmen then took on Westmont College on Wednesday, March 24. The Warriors were crushed by the Kingsmen, 11-2. They had 15 hits throughout the game.

"We expected to win against Westmont, and we came through. We did really well," senior Doug Carnett said.

Junior Roy Riley had two home runs and four RBIs. Four other CLU players had two hits apiece. Freshman Nate Cusick went five

innings for the win; he gave up four hits and struck out three.

"It was good to come back and get that win, especially after losing the three-game series against Hayward," junior Jon Calmes said. "We played very well."

**"We are still going strong in conference and we hope to keep it that way."**

Ryan Hostetler  
Senior

## Regals tennis winning streak snapped



Photographs by Stephanie Shaker

Senior Stephanie Perkins concentrates on the return.

By Sean Ruttenberg  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 18 California Lutheran University Regals tennis team was defeated by Tennessee's University of The South Tigers in Thousand Oaks, Calif., to break its winning streak on Wednesday, March 24.

The battle, which favored the Regals because of higher ranking, was a definite step

back in their season.

The Tigers, who are ranked No. 20, started beating the Regals in doubles, where a close match gave the Tigers the early lead of 2-1.

Junior Jen Hansen and senior Rebecca Hunau gave the Regals the only point in doubles by defeating Molly Willett and Laura Fanjoy 8-2 at No. 1. Junior Lisa Novajosky and sophomore Blair Murphy, playing at No. 2, were defeated by Lauren Willett and Katie Rhett 6-8, and a close tiebreaker with a score of 8-6 granted the second win to the Tigers with a win by Amy Martin and Ashley Logsdon against sophomore Aimee Fioree and senior Stephanie Perkins.

In singles play, the situation was close, but the Tigers won three singles matches to clinch the match. No. 1 Hansen lost to L. Willett 6-2, 6-3; No. 2 Hunau lost to M. Willett 7-5, 7-6; No. 3 Novajosky defeated Fanjoy 7-5, 6-2; No. 4 Murphy lost to Rhett 7-6, 7-5; No. 5 Smalling did not finish her match due to lack of light, and No. 6 Fioree defeated Logsdon 6-3, 6-3. The final score ended 6-3, favorable to the University of The South.

"Every match was really close and could have gone either way. Unfortunately, there were some factors beyond our control that played a part in our loss," senior Heather Peterson said.

On Thursday, March 25, the second Regals match of the week against the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Beavers was a more beneficial match for CLU.

Throughout the match, the Regals were in control of the situation, beating the Beavers

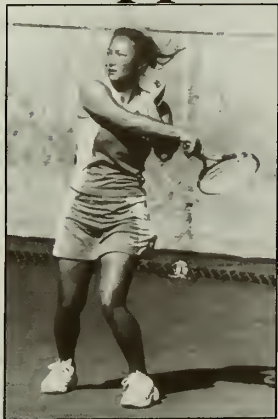
in the three doubles matches in the beginning.

No. 1 doubles Hansen and Hunau defeated Caroline Tien and Jen Hipp 9-8(4); No. 2 Novajosky and Murphy defeated Joanna Mackay; and Elaine Ni 8-2 and No. 3 Smalling and Perkins defeated Jaclyn Cichon and Ruby Pai 8-3.

"Despite our slow start, it is nice to know that we can play our best game and pull it out at the end," Perkins said.

In singles, the only point the Beavers scored came thanks to Tien, who defeated Hansen 6-1, 4-6, 10-8. All the other singles matches were favorable to the Regals, with wins such as at No. 2, where Hunau defeated Hipp 7-6, 4-6, 10-6. In No. 3 singles, Novajosky defeated Cichon 6-2, 6-2; No. 4 Murphy defeated Pai 6-0, 6-1; No. 5 Smalling defeated Ni 6-3, 6-2; and No. 6 Fioree defeated Emily Chen 7-5, 6-2.

With the win against the Beavers, the Regals move to a 12-3 record overall and 3-2 in SCIAC.



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Junior Lisa Novajosky sends the ball flying over the net.

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# Softball wins three out of four at tourney



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The Regals softball team gathers around its coach to discuss the positives and negatives on the field.

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Regals softball team faced Cal State Hayward in a double-header at home, Tuesday, March

23. They dropped both games, 6-4 and 2-1.

"We could have beaten them, but we gave up too many runs too early," Mitchell said.

The Regals five-run deficit early in the game was just too much for the Regals in game one.

In the second game, the deficit was smaller, but the battle was much tougher.

"We were sitting on the one-run and just couldn't score," Head Coach Debby Day said.

The Regals came home from Arizona in good spirits after winning three out of four games in the Tucson tournament on March 26 and 27.

On Friday, March 26, the Regals' first victory was against Buena Vista, 4-3. They then defeated Hamline College of Minnesota, 15-0, and cruised in their third game against St. Olaf 11-0. In the three victories, the Regals racked up a total of 48 hits.

"We played really well. Our defense was flawless, and our pitching really came through," freshman Ashley Calendo said.

In the three games, freshman Prudence Kjentvedt, junior Emily Otneru, senior Shannon Teverbaugh and senior Carrie Mitchell all batted .500.

On Saturday, March 27, the Regals took on Simon Fraser and lost 0-14.

"Their hitters were very disciplined," Mitchell said. The Regals sent in all four of their pitchers to face Simon Fraser's elite

group of batters.

"Not only did they hit well, but their pitcher had really good placement," Calendo said.

With four of the next seven games being conference matchups, the Regals are still closing in on the postseason. The Regals' next game is a double-header against Biola University at Biola.



Photographs by Kyle Laubach

Senior Shannon Teverbaugh fires the ball into home.

## Kingsmen tennis defeated by No. 4 Panthers

By Sean Ruitenbergh  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 26, the No. 12 nationally ranked California Lutheran University Kingsmen faced the No. 4 Middlebury University Panthers. The Panthers, who were led by their strong doubles, got the first point on the board by winning two of the three eight game sets.

"They were strong, but I think that we could have done a better job all around with doubles. For our next tough match, we need to be prepared," senior Junya Hasebe said.

The match would come favorably to the Panthers with only one set coming in favor of

the Kingsmen. The closest matches would be at No. 1 where senior Quinn Caldaron lost 6-1, 7-5, and No. 3 sophomore Shara Surabi lost 6-4, 3-6, 3-6.

"We thought that we were ready to compete against this team but after this match, we have a lot more work to do to get anywhere in the conference championship that comes two weeks from now," sophomore Karlo Arapovic said.

The score of the match ended 0-7 favorable to the Panthers, but the weekend was not over for the Kingsmen. On Saturday, March 27, they faced the Westmont College Warriors (No. 11 ranked team in the country) in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

After the loss the day before, the Kingsmen pulled away from their losing streak and defeated the Warriors closely with a score of 4-3.

"Losing doubles against Westmont was an eye-opener, and we knew that we hadn't lost to them in a while, so we had to come back strong and take care of business in singles," sophomore Joel Wetterholm said.

Favorable scores for the Kingsmen were No. 3 singles Hasebe defeating his opponent 6-4, 6-4 and No. 6 Arapovic defeating his opponent 6-1, 6-0, giving the Kingsmen two out of their four points in this match.

## Golf takes second in own tourney

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University golf team advanced to the No. 22 spot among NCAA Division III men's golf teams after placing second out of 17 teams at the Kingsmen Invitational with a score of 932. The University of Redlands place first, with its score of 919, and Hardin-Simmons finished in third place at 939.

Each team played 36 holes on Monday, March 22, (18 holes in the morning and 18 holes in the afternoon) and 18 holes on Tuesday, March 23, in the two-day tournament at La Purisima Golf Course. The Kingsmen shot a 309 on Monday morning, a 313 on Monday afternoon and a 310 on Tuesday.

The Kingsmen's A-team consisted of junior Jason Poyser, freshman Christian Colunga, sophomore Peder Nyhus, senior Jordan Silvertrust and freshman Tyler Doyle. Poyser shot a 78-79-73, to finish the tournament at 230. Colunga shot a 75-78-77 on Tuesday, for a total of 230. Nyhus shot a 78-77-80 on Tuesday, totaling 235. Silvertrust completed the tournament with a score of 237, after a 78-79-80 on Tuesday. Doyle finished at 250, with an 80-88-82.

Freshmen Nick Verner and David Stanley, sophomores Austin Aker and Michael Corso and junior Ji Won Lee made up the Kingsmen's B-team. Verner shot an 80-78-80, for a total of 238. Stanley shot a 79-80-81,

totaling 240. Aker shot a 243, 83-81-79. Corso followed with a 261, 85-84-92. Lee shot a 281, 93- 92-96.

"It was a great tournament for our team," Head Coach Jeff Lindgren said. "I was really pleased with the way that our guys played. I think it's going to keep us motivated for the rest of the season. We found out that before our tournament, we were ranked No. 23 in the country in NCAA Division III. After our performance in the tournament, we should hopefully move up a couple spots."

Seven schools from Texas participated in the tournament, along with one school from Oregon, CSU Hayward, Chapman University and all of the SCIAC teams except Whittier.

"This tournament has turned out to be a really good event for us because it brings out all the best teams," Lindgren said. "It's been impressive for us to play as much head-to-head against teams ranked ahead of us."

Poyser finished in second place, one stroke behind the winner who shot 229, even though he and Colunga had the same score. Poyser won the playoff, in which whoever had the lowest score in the third round was the winner.

Aker cited good coaching and great preparation by the coach as factors in the teams performance at the tournament.

"We had a great tournament," Aker said. "The team put together a solid round on each of the two days. The second place finish should bump us up in the national rankings to the top 15."

## Water polo stays afloat

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's water polo team took on Chapman this week. Even though the women lost, they showed much improvement.

The Regals took on Chapman University on Saturday, March 27. They fought hard and were able to come close to beating them but not close enough; Chapman won, 13-8. In the last two games that they played against Chapman, they smoked the Regals by at least ten points, so they have showed some improvement.

"We did well against Chapman, even though we lost. They have great defense. I'm proud of how we played," freshman Kayla Schrock said.

Freshman Danielle Rios scored five

goals for the team, while freshman Mackenzie Faumina scored two and freshman Scarlett Williams scored one. Schrock had eight saves in the goal.

"We did a lot better; our offense has improved so much. Our confidence has also improved. I think that's a big thing. With our confidence being up, we know we will continue to do better," Williams said.

The team has suffered a loss of one of its key players; sophomore captain Kim Thomas broke her hand. She was injured during the Wagner game on March 16 and will not be able to return this season.

"It's a huge loss for us; she was a key player. We miss having her in the water with us, but we cannot wait to have her back next season," freshman Jen Danielson said.

The Regals' next game will be on Wednesday, March 31, as they travel to take on Pomona-Pitzer.

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# Earth Day draws record crowd

By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

California Lutheran University held its annual Earth Day celebration, drawing the largest crowd in the event's history to Buth Park last Sunday. Students participated in a variety of events designed to promote awareness of current environmental issues. Throughout the day, different bands took the stage set up in the park, playing a wide variety of music. Notable performances included sets by Lara Gatling, Los Abandoned and Summerjack.

In addition to live music, students had the opportunity to make their own tie-dye shirts, get henna tattoos, and eat organic food from Trader Joe's and Whole Foods. The Green Party set up a booth where students could make their own bumper stickers and find out more information about the party and its 2004 presidential campaign.

Prior to the event, organizers headed by senior Jody Biergiel gathered extra clothing from students on campus to give away at the

event, billing it as a free thrift store, to encourage people to reuse clothing instead of buying new things.

The event was organized by the Eden Club and sponsored by the Lord of Life Environmental Council.

"[The event] was extremely successful. Everyone really enjoyed themselves," Biergiel said. "We got people to come who had never been to Earth Day, which was awesome."

Earth Day was started in San Francisco 34 years ago as a nationwide demonstration on behalf of the environment. In recent years, Earth Day has gained unforeseen popularity. The Seattle Post Intelligencer notes, "Earth Day started as a one-time show of support for environmental causes but has evolved — 34 years later — into an annual weeklong event."

Similarly, CLU's annual celebration of the event has grown considerably in the past years, reflecting the national trend.

"We wanted to show people that being an environmentalist isn't the extreme, frightening thing it is often made out to be," Biergiel said.



Senior Casey Janes helps a young boy tie-dye a shirt. Earth Day shirts were available for purchase and tie-dye materials were provided for those who wanted them.



A table provides information about Hybrid vehicles. The car in the background was provided as a model for the day.



Senior Natasha Fairman helps sort clothes for the free thrift store clothing exchange. CLU students donated their unneeded clothing.



Junior Jamie Meyer and freshman Keith Bartlett work for The Need, giving out Fair Trade Coffee.



A booth provides pre-typed environmental activist letters that could easily be sent to government and business officials.

Photographs courtesy of Jody Biergiel

# Representatives elected to 2004-2005 PB, Senate

By Ashley George  
STAFF WRITER

In the most competitive election to date, 26 students were elected to the Programs Board and Senate for the 2004-2005 school year.

Five hundred and fifty four students turned out to cast their votes in the ASCLU Spring General Elections on Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31.

"Voter turnout was [the] highest ever in ASCLU history," ASCLU President Robert Boland said.

Spring elections were so competitive, in fact, that some races were determined by five or less votes.

"I was thrilled with how many people

showed up to vote," said ASCLU President-elect Jason Soyster.

Soyster said that early marketing and word of mouth contributed to the record-breaking turnout.

Juniors Courtney Parks, Brian Roberts, Eliz Baesler and C.J. Kidner were named senior Programs Board representatives.

In addition, Micah Naruo, Meggie Graves, Valerie Vallejos, Kurt Sanders, Andrea Stenson, Michele Hernandez, Jared Clark, Mark Jordan and Nichole Robson were elected to the Programs Board.

"I thought that the fact that so many people were running was exciting," Senior Senator Courtney Parks said. "I'm ... looking forward to working with other senior representatives to plan events for seniors next year."

Juniors Marcus Green, Jared I. Perry, Nick Gordon and Kellie Kocher were named senior senators.

In addition, Colter Fleming, Alli Condra, Manissa Tsaniff, Davey Harding, Kevin Jussel, Jessica Placas, Autumn Molloy, Andy Trelor and Carly Coker were also elected as senators.

"A lot more people got involved in this [election] ... [it] was a lot different ... [there was] a lot more diversity ... something they'd been lacking," Senior Senator Marcus Green said.

Green added that as a senator, he wants to "try to represent [the students'] voice" and that he wants to "be inclined to their thoughts and concerns."

On Sunday, April 18, all newly elected

officers attended a three-hour-long workshop on campus.

The first hour of the workshop was devoted to team-building activities.

Members of both the Programs Board and the Senate participated.

The last two hours of the workshop were spent brainstorming. Programs Board officers and senators met separately to discuss plans for the 2004-2005 school year.

During its meeting, the Programs Board planned next year's Club Lu events. Similarly, the Senate planned projects for next year.

In the fall of 2004, newly elected Programs Board representatives and Senators will officially take office. However, they have already begun to carry out their official duties.

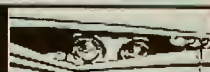


## Calendar

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## a sneak peek of this week at the lu

today  
april 21

Worship  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

Lard of Life Church Council Meeting  
Chapel Lounge  
6:30 p.m.

Rataract Meeting  
Overton Hall  
8 p.m.

Common Ground  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.

thursday  
april 22

Hawaiiian Club Meeting  
Apartments Lounge  
6 p.m.

Mainstage 3 - "Dan Juan in Hell"  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

Intramural Basketball  
Gym  
9 p.m.

The NEED  
SUB  
10 p.m.

friday  
april 23

Friday Eucharist  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

Mainstage 3 - "Don Juan in Hell"  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

Club Lu: Ice Cream Night  
SUB  
9 p.m.

saturday  
april 24

Scandinavian Festival  
Kingsmen Park  
All Day

Mainstage 3 - "Dan Juan in Hell"  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

sunday  
april 25

Scandinavian Festival  
Kingsmen Park  
All Day

Intramural Softball  
Gibello Field  
10 a.m.

Lord of Life Warship Service  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.

Intramural Basketball  
Gym  
9 p.m.

monday  
april 26

ASCLU-G Senate Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

ASCLU-G RHA Meeting  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

tuesday  
april 27

Volunteer Recognition Dinner  
Nelson Room  
5:30 p.m.

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- \* 58-78 Credits:  
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THE ECHO 3

# CLU hosts events to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month

## CLU promotes NLW

California Lutheran University's Women's Resource Center, in cooperation with the Coalition to End Family Violence, will host a series of events in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Members of the community are invited to join the students in speaking out against sexual violence.

The first event, held on April 14, was a women's assertiveness and self defense class.

Denim Day: Jeans for Justice, will take place on Wednesday, April 21.

CLU students will join people across the nation in wearing blue jeans as part of an international protest against an Italian High Court's decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans.

The final event will be a Take Back the

Night rally & march on Wednesday, April 28, in CLU's Kingsmen Park from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

This rally will include a vigil, keynote speakers, entertainment and resource tables.

The events are sponsored in part by a \$2,000 grant from the Marjorie Mosher Schmidt Foundation of Newport Beach and a \$250 grant from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

For more information, please call the Women's Resource Center at x3345.

CLU Press Release

By Devon Bostock  
NEWS EDITOR

The Pearson Library at California Lutheran University is currently celebrating National Library Week. The event began on April 18 and will continue until April 24.

The National Library Week activities were organized by Jeanette Bristol, the circulation services coordinator, and Nicole VanTilborg.

"We want to make a stand and let people know that libraries are here to stay," Bristol said.

National Library Week began in 1958 and is sponsored by the American Library Association in association with the country's libraries. The week is designed to bring attention back to libraries and the function they serve in society, to recognize librarians and the contributions they make and to make people aware of funding issues.

According to Larra Clark, spokesperson for the ALA, funding for libraries both public and school-based has been cut in over forty states, including California.

"When NLW started, there was this fear that folks would stop reading," Clark said. "I think that fear is unfounded, but the goal is to get people to realize how libraries can help them."

Over the course of the week, the library will be having two different contests that students can enter. There is "Guess the Number of Bookworms," and "Info Safari." Both are open to all students.

In "Guess the Number of Bookworms," participants must guess how many gummy worms are in a jar. The two people who guess correctly, or the two closest if there are no correct guesses, will win two movie passes each and will be allowed to split the worms.

According to Bristol, the game has received good participation so far.

In "Info Safari," participants must go on a safari throughout the library in order to answer questions based on the library's

available resources. All entrants that answer all the questions correctly will be entered in a random drawing. Two winners will receive \$15 gift certificates to Borders bookstore.

"The game takes some time so not that many people have entered yet ... I'd like to encourage people to come over [and participate]," Bristol said.

In addition to the contests the library will also be featuring several displays throughout the week featuring the resources that are available to students.

"Technology has had a huge impact," Clark said. "Most people don't know, but many libraries are becoming more like book stores. They have better lighting, comfortable chairs you could fall asleep in and even coffee."

For more information on National Library Week, interested students may contact Bristol at x3252 or by E-mail at [bristol@clunet.edu](mailto:bristol@clunet.edu). Information is also available on the ALA website, [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

## Encuentros sign-ups begin

By Dr. Jessica Ramos-Harthur  
PRESS RELEASE

### Attention Faculty:

The Transnational Classroom and Encuentros 2004 in joint sponsorship with the departments of Spanish, multimedia, language lab, religion and history, announce the upcoming video conference "Encuentros with the Inter-American Development Bank," April 21, 12-1:55 p.m., in Ed Tech 139.

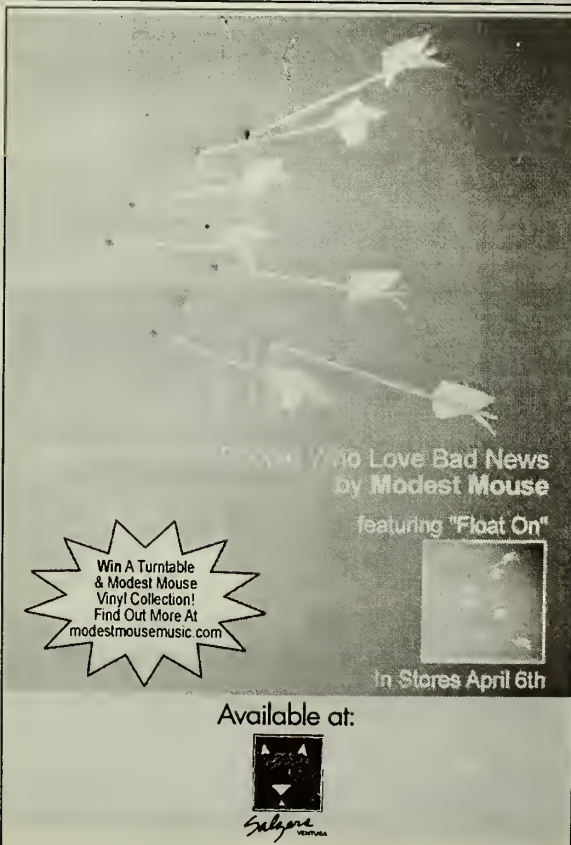
The goal is to bring current cultural issues to the CLU community, faculty, staff and students alike. Other universities will also be tuned in, including the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Florida International University, Miami.

Participation from the Inter-American Development Bank will include Anne Denuyttere, chief of Indigenous Peoples and Community Development Unit. The event will take about two hours, covering issues about indigenous peoples and the impact of globalization.

Due to the limited number of seats, students who are more familiar with the subject and show high interest are encouraged to participate and become "reporters" to their classes.

There is a sign-up sheet outside Humanities 224 for interested persons to enroll in this event.

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## Senate surplus allocation discussed in recent meeting

By Valerie Vallejos  
STAFF WRITER

Senate tackled how to use funds left over in its budget and discussed bills on reallocated Senate funds, finding a new school mascot and giving money to the newly formed Audio Arts Club at its meeting on Monday, March 29.

The Audio Arts Club is made up of students interested in the recording arts and live sound services. Its primary purpose is to provide live sound services on campus.

The big issue of the night was what to do with the money Senate has left over.

"There are four options that the money can be used towards," Senate Director Jason Soyster said.

The four options were to leave it to next year's Senate, build a walkway through Ruth Park, donate money to the Capital Campaign or to divide it into other areas. Soyster informed the rest of the senators that those options were not set in stone and that any ideas would be welcome.

Senators were torn between leaving the money for next year or just spending it all this year.

"If money can help tackle bigger projects next year, then I'm not opposed to it," At-large Senator Dominic Storelli said.

The question was whether or not the money would be spent wisely next year.

"I don't think we should spend \$1,000 just to spend it," senior Senator Karen Thompson said.

Junior Senator Kellie Kocher sponsored a bill proposing that CLU administration should contract a sports management firm to come up with possible new nicknames for a mascot. Senator Kristen Lanning seconded the motion and Senate passed it unanimously.

Kocher also sponsored a bill that would give the new Audio Arts Club \$1,023 to purchase equipment. The bill passed unanimously with a 16-0-0 vote.

Storelli then sponsored a bill to reallocate \$200 to Senate's budget, which was seconded by junior senator Jared I. Perry. The bill passed with a 16-0-0 vote.

At that time, freshman Senator Kevin Jussel motioned to bring the Bylaw Amendment Proposal back to table for discussion. The proposed amendment was tabled at a previous Senate meeting pending further review and discussion of it. The motion failed with four in favor, eight opposed and four abstentions.

Senate's final meeting of the year was held on Monday, April 19.

## CLU starts new chapter of honor society

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University officially instated its chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honor Society, by holding an official Tapping Ceremony on Sunday, April 18. John Morgan, the executive director for the honor society, conducted the ceremony.

"It is really a treat to return to CLU. The campus is great, and the campus leadership has set a high standard for the future," Morgan said.

Omicron Delta Kappa is an honor society in support of student leaders and academic excellence. ODK was founded in 1914 in Lexington, Va. at Washington and Lee University. The society has since grown to fill 16 different regions across the nation, with over 226,000 members.

ODK is the first honor society of its kind to have a chapter at CLU. For over three years, Angela Rowley, the area residence coordinator for Thompson Hall and director of the Community Service Center, and Michael Fuller, associate dean of students, have worked to instate this group. Less than a year ago, the first members of CLU's ODK Circle formed and started to meet on a regular basis.

"It is very exciting to see this whole process that we've been going through culminate in our initiation as an official circle," said Beckie Lewis, CLU's circle vice president.

To be a member of this group, a student must be an undergraduate junior or senior who ranks in the upper 35 percent of his or her college class. In addition to this requirement, members must be student leaders in one of the following areas: scholarship, athletics, campus community service, religious activities, campus government, journalism/mass media or creative and performing arts. CLU's Circle initiated 19 members, including faculty and

advisers, on Sunday. The society will initiate 15 new members on May 2, 2004.

"I am really excited about the opportunities that ODK is going to present its student body and community with. I think it is positive that CLU is promoting both academic and leadership excellence," Marissa Tsanuff, future Circle member, said.

Membership in this Circle opens opportunities for its members in the form of scholarships and grants. Also, members can make connections with other members across the country through a program called "Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow." This group helps students make connections with graduates in their fields of study.

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John Morgan  
Executive Director of ODK

The Tapping Ceremony took place in the Nelson Room and was followed by a dessert and coffee reception. During the ceremony, each member was inducted by signing his or her name in the Circle's official member book and receiving his or her society pins which bear the ODK emblem. The officers and advisers were also installed.

"We are very happy to be a part of the inaugural membership group. It is an honor to be a part of this society," current ODK member Jon Oakman said.

To end the ceremony, Morgan presented ODK Chapter President Dereem McKinney with the official Circle Charter that displays all of the names of the inaugural members.

### Correction:

In the March 31 issue on page 1, a picture caption contained an error. The picture captioned, "Coalition Bear bassist Quinn Breston plays as Steve Ford belts out his lyrics," is actually Steve Ford with guitarist Brian Wynn. Brentson's name was also misspelled.

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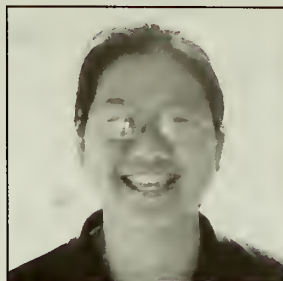
Jude Oni-Okpaku, business, 2005

"No, 'cause I don't have a date."



Andrew Matlow, multimedia, 2006

"Yea, it seems like it will be fun."



June Lum, chemistry, 2006

"I was, but my friends didn't want to go."



Emma Palmer, accounting, 2006

"No, because I get sea sick."



Megan Jeffery, communication, 2006

"No, because it's too expensive, and my boyfriend lives in Arizona."



Jessica Jones, history, 2006

"No, Spring Formal seems like a high school thing."



Sarah Hauer, biology, 2006

"No, it really doesn't sound like that much fun."



Amanda Howie, accounting, 2006

"No, there was not enough excitement built up for it."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Jimmy Fox. Photography is by Bell Lopez.

## Car of the Week



Car of the Week is compiled by Kyle Peterson

Freshman Kyle Laubach stands next to his 1998 green Chevy Tahoe. Kyle gets his ground clearance from 6 inches of Fabtech lift and 35/12.50/17 tires. He loves to make noise either with his Flowmaster or his two Alpine S 12 inch subs.

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# FEATURES

## CLU choir brings the sunshine back with home concert

By Kristina Sterling  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Choir ended its weeklong tour of the Midwest with a home concert in Samuelson Chapel Tuesday night at 8 p.m. The concert, done in honor of the end of Lent, was performed in the chapel, packed with family, friends, students, faculty and community members, all eager to hear the talented group. With conductor Wyant Morton, the group spent its Spring Break performing at universities and churches in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota before returning to California late last week.

The music in first half of the performance included "Hosanna to the Son of David" by Orlando Gibbons, "Quatre Motets Pour Un Temps de Penitence" (Four Lenten Motets) by Francis Poulenc, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" and "Vamuvamba," a traditional Kenyan song.

CLU senior Amy Hobden attended the concert with friends and all three were pleased with what they heard.



Photography by Brett Rowland

The California Lutheran University Choir performed in the Samuelson Chapel as a conclusion to its weeklong tour of the Midwest during Spring Break.

"I like the Kenyan song, with the beats and the movements," Hobden said. "I like more of the upbeat songs; even though this is for Lent which is a sad thing. I like they happy ones better like 'What A Mighty God We Serve.'"

After the intermission, the choir showed off its talents even more with songs like

"A Song to Sing" and "Horizons," both of which had solos by Jacquelynn Fontaine and Michael Falcone respectively. The evening of performances closed with "Shine on Harvest Moon" by the men's quartet, "Lullaby" by the women's quartet and finally an uplifting performance of "What A Mighty God We Serve," which received a standing ovation by

the audience.

Falcone is a member of the men's quartet and had two solos during the concert. "I loved singing 'Shine on Harvest Moon' so much that I wanted to stay up there all night. I also liked singing 'Horizons' because it's just incredible to hear the choir singing right behind me. I mean they just sound so good, and I was just really honored that I could do the solo for this choir," Falcone said.

"I loved it," said Glenna Helms, who came to see her granddaughter Jessie Helms perform. "I like those fast ones that they sang and were jumping around. But I liked them all, I'm not that particular."

The tour seems to have been a positive experience for this year's CLU choir, giving them strength and confidence as a group. "The tour was incredible," Falcone said. "It was very well organized, and we were like a family. Each day we got closer and closer to each other. We looked out for each other and everyone was full of compliments towards each other. Plus, the weather was nice. We seemed to have brought sunshine ... that's what all of our hosts said."

## Beat the Spring Break blues with tips for managing time

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

After all of that down time, relaxing and sleeping in late for a week straight, it is really hard for some of us to focus on school again. So what can you do?

Next year, you can begin rehabilitation by looking at some of your books before the break is over. This means, reading them over and reviewing 2-3 days before school starts. Start with the classes that have less to review and move on to harder classes. Also, start setting your alarm clock to get up and prepare

yourself for the day.

Once you have passed this 2-3 day window of opportunity to prevent Spring Break blues, there are steps to avoid struggling through the rest of the semester. This is called the 6 step over Spring Break rehab.

First, mentally get yourself prepared. This means that you should tell yourself that school is starting back up and that you want to finish the semester well.

Second, understand that if you need to seek some kind of help, such as tutoring, study groups or counseling to stay on-track, it should be done. Schedule weekly meetings with your adviser or a counselor in Student Support

Services because its goal is to help students succeed in their academic careers.

Third, take charge. If you say you are going to study, set time aside, without distractions, to study. Go to the library or a place you know you can get work done.

Fourth, conduct checks and balances on yourself. Check in with your teachers to see how your progress is in class. Even the simple things, such as having someone read over your papers and double-checking your work, can make a big difference.

Fifth, reinforce your work with positive feedback. Most importantly, you should know that you should believe in yourself and the

work that you do. You should never turn in any work with which you are not satisfied.

The final step is to make sure to give yourself breaks and not to burn yourself out. If you give yourself plenty of time to complete the work, you should never feel as though you have to finish it right away.

Our academic careers are as important as any other career that we may have in the future. Luckily, we are given Spring Break to give us a break in dealing with our academic careers. We must remember however that assigned work should be done and we should want to turn in the best work we can do.

## Movie Reviews

### "Walking Tall" falls flat, gets up, then falls again

By Jimmy Fox  
STAFF WRITER

News flash to Dwayne Johnson, aka The Rock: a successful action film needs eye-popping action sequences that defy all rules of common physics or, enough comic relief moments to make the patron feel as if it was worth the \$8.50. For the first twenty minutes, "Walking Tall" is a modern-day action movie marvel because it has neither.

The plot is simple, too simple. Chris Vaughn, played by The Rock, returns to his tranquil, mountainside hometown after years of fighting for his country, only to discover it in shambles. Local businesses have closed, and casinos and adult bookstores are put in their replacements. Casino security guards are selling drugs to kids and, in a stroke of script writing brilliance, the cops are crooked. The man behind all the drug trafficking in the city is the casino owner Jay Hamilton, one of Vaughn's football buddies from high school. I think we all see where this is going. In a matter of hours after his return, The Rock's character single handedly brutalizes five casino workers, gets put on trial, runs for sheriff of the town and reunites with his old flame. This plot is so painfully plain it would have better served as an episode of "Salute Your Shorts" than a high budget action flick.

The fight sequences, although engaging, are too few and too brief. As for the comedy, it is laughably non-existent. In

fact, besides what you see on commercials, not one line of dialogue is laugh-out-loud worthy. The only laughs stem from Johnny Knoxville's character, who displays a mere fraction of the physicality that made us first fall in love with the "Jackass" stunt comedian. Yet, it is all too little too late. By the time the story actually gets moving, the audience has already been forced to sit through a good twenty minutes of "welcome home" small talk.

The film is disappointing and leaves the audience clamoring for what could have been. No doubt, The Rock generates enough on screen electricity to light up the Vegas strip. Knoxville is a proven crowd pleaser with untapped comedic potential, and Neil McDonough, the film's villain, is a seasoned dramatic actor. This film, like "Gigli," proves that star power is not enough. Given some help from the writers, "Walking Tall" could have been an entertaining picture. After starring in such high concept action films as "The Scorpion King" and the much better "The Rundown," it is a wonder to me why The Rock would have pursued a script that was so obviously a step backward. Whereas his earlier works were Schwarzeneggeresque efforts, "Walking Tall" leaves the audience with a Stephen Seagal-like taste in its mouth. That is not good.

Unless you have friends working at the theater or a buddy holding the exit door, don't waste your time driving to the theater to see this.

### "Dawn of the Dead" carries on director's tradition

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

Like a shotgun blast from the hip, "Dawn of the Dead" completely owned me. Being the overzealous zombie/George A. Romero fan that I am, I was in the theater opening weekend. I wasn't expecting all that much from this flick. Seeing as how Romero wasn't involved in the remake, and how Hollywood has a penchant for butchering originals (no pun intended), I was hoping to walk out of the theater somewhat content. Well, I have to hand it to director Zack Snyder and cast. They did an excellent job. While I was watching the remake, I had a sense that those involved in the flick truly appreciated the undead (check the cameos by Tom Savini, and original "Dawn of the Dead" actor Ken Foree). "Dawn of the Dead" doesn't aspire to be "Citizen Kane;" the protagonists know they are carrying on in the Romero tradition.

The casting for the film was quite stellar. Like all of Romero's zombie flicks, there is a diverse juxtaposition of personalities found in the remake. There is also no set back on hiring extras (check the "Jay Leno" sniper scene), which had always put a halt on some of the scenes Romero wanted to do for his originals. That said, this wasn't a Romero film. Some of the genius (yeah, I said genius)

the Living Dead, "Dawn of the Dead," "Day of the Dead"), came from budget cuts. There was a lot of unorthodox improvisation and ingenuity, spawned from a cast and state (Pennsylvania) that believed in, and loved, Romero's films.

I hear laypeople talking trash about the original, saying the remake was better. Quite honestly, I am appalled by that notion. I am a big advocate of the remake, but the original is untouchable (the London Calling, if you will, of zombie movies).

I do have two major problems with the "Dawn of the Dead" remake. Beef number 1 (and it is a major one): zombies do not run. I have seen zombies before; they are slow. Undoubtedly, atrophy sets in early in the undead which would inhibit any sort of running motion (check any one of Romero's films for further evidence). Beef number 2: zombies do eat other animals. There is a scene in the remake where, "Chips," a dog, runs across a sea of zombies to the aid of a character in a far-off building. In real life, Chips would have been some Zombie's lunch (check the fantastic 1990 "Night of the Living Dead" remake). Those two flaws aside, the remake is pretty lethal. I wholeheartedly recommend it. Just make sure to check out the original on DVD, "Rites of Springs Discord" anthology and George Romero's "Martin."



## CLU band "Pacific Element" perform for hundreds of students

By Alex Mallen  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Pacific Element, a band made up of four California Lutheran University students, has developed quite a following of other CLU students. The band has performed four times on campus, including Play for Pay, The Need, Jam Fest, and this past Sunday for Earth Day. It has also taken its show beyond Thousand Oaks, Calif. by performing at Claremont College this past February. This was the first time that the band performed at a venue outside of CLU. The performance attracted approximately 300-400 college students at the college's "HUB," similar to The Need.

Pacific Element, influenced by The Dave Matthews Band and Dispatch, placed

second at Play for Pay after having practiced only once prior to the event. The four CLU juniors, Kyle Paterik, Adam Jussel, Nick Paul and Mike Judd, are hoping to travel to various Southern California colleges and universities to get the band's name out, beyond CLU. They have been contacting a number of schools in hopes of performing for a variety of audiences.

This CLU band has written 10 songs and has recorded a three-song demo CD to hand out for free at performances. However, its self-described biggest fan, junior Craig Herrera, has had the opportunity to hear the band more than most other Pacific Element followers.

"I hear it from start to finish," he said. "From the writing of the lyrics to the finished product that they perform at shows. I love it."

The band describes its music as

"acoustic rock" and "college underground." Both of these types of music are currently very popular among college students, and the band is hoping to take advantage of this by booking free performances at such schools as the University of La Verne, Pepperdine and University of California, Santa Barbara.

Although the band is planning to record its first full-length CD in the CLU studio in the near future, lead vocalist Paterik, 21, is just happy to be doing something that he loves.

"I am just here to have a good time and do something different that I haven't done before," he said.

The lead guitarist, Jussel, 21, would love to see the band continue to grow but understands that they are just starting out.

"We are four friends having a good time," he said. "We don't know where it's

going, but we are excited about how far we have gotten having only been together for a short time."

The band's drummer, Judd, 20, is the only member of the group with previous band experience, having been in several bands in high school.

"It's different now. The four of us have chemistry, and it really feels like a real band," he said. "We have certain goals. But right now, we are just taking it one song at a time."

All four band members are surprised with all of the positive reactions they have received from CLU students. Now they are excited to take their music beyond CLU.

To learn more about Pacific Element or to receive a free demo CD, visit [pacificelement.cjb.net](http://pacificelement.cjb.net) on the web or e-mail the band at [pacificelement@yahoo.com](mailto:pacificelement@yahoo.com).

## Switzerland punk band "LiLiput" is old but still good

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

LiLiput, one of the best and most underrated bands of the post-punk era, has proven itself to be as vital as fellow luminaries The Clash, Wire and The Fall. Finding a band as innovative as LiLiput during its five-year run from '78-'83 proves to be rather difficult. With no concern for commercial success, LiLiput remained an anomaly, happily tucked away in its homeland of Switzerland. While hints of the Clash's fixation with social concerns affecting youth culture can be found in LiLiput's music, it takes a whole different slant. The reason: LiLiput was a completely self-contained female band except for a brief period. While this might seem rather commonplace

now, it certainly wasn't in 1978 when the band formed. Mixing feminist lyrics with the minimalist art-punk of Wire and vocal deliveries reminiscent of The Fall's Mark E. Smith, LiLiput predated the riot "grrrl" movement of the early '90s by 13 years, which explains why Kill Rock Stars recently made LiLiput's catalogue easily available for the first time.

The band suffered numerous lineup changes during its brief, supemova, existence. However, permanently at the helm of LiLiput remained guitarist Marlene Marder and bassist Klaudia Schiff. Like so many punk bands, LiLiput had no musical experience prior to its formation. Nevertheless, the band's musicianship excelled rapidly, from its all down picking, two chord beginnings to its later incorporations of such instruments as accordion and saxophone, unorthodox for punk. The

element that never changed as the band developed was its penchant for experimentation and disregard for conventional song writing and structure.

LiLiput's songs unexpectedly change pace at the drop of a dime. These unexplainable tempo changes prove rather refreshing, considering the music-by-numbers approach punk was taking then.

Tempo changes and proto-riot "grrrl" isn't all LiLiput has to offer. The group made its own songwriting rules. Switching from English to German mid-song, the band knew no boundaries. Occasionally, LiLiput spoke in its own made up dialect, as heard in "Split," "Hotch-potch, Huger-mugger, Bow-wow, Hara-kiri, Hoo-poo". What is even more impressive is that LiLiput unpretentiously made all this work.

So, why am I writing about LiLiput, a

band that has been disbanded for over 20 years, now? Simple, LiLiput is as relevant now as it was in the dawn of the '80s. It's unconventional attitude still inspires and sounds refreshing. And unlike other trailblazers, such as the Velvet Underground, LiLiput never signed to a major label. There is no chance of LiLiput joining the ranks of a 20th century masters compilation. In fact, for many years the only way to receive any of LiLiput's music was by sending \$30 to a record label in Switzerland. The band called it a day when they simply put down their instruments and picked up paint brushes. It been said that Kill Rock Stars is paying a musical debt by re-releasing LiLiput's all too short catalogue. This review is the least I could do.

## Tips for handling graduation

By Farima Nojoumi  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

For you seniors, who are counting down the days until graduation, don't forget the steps to ensure a smooth process. All of your dedication has paid off and now you can celebrate your success by enjoying these senior activities. Here are some suggestions from the undergraduate brochure for CLU:

Three steps to ensure a smooth degree process:

- Review your senior audit.
- Make sure all coursework is completed.
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# OPINION

## Three strikes for corporations



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Supreme Court decided, 118 years ago, that under the Fourteenth Amendment, corporations should be treated as individuals. This resulted in lower taxes for corporations and enabled them to sue and be sued. Despite this decision, corporations are still not treated as people. In this month's issue of "Adbusters," the magazine's editorial staff called for new legislation that would make corporations subject to the "three strikes and you're out" law. They propose, "We begin revoking the charters of all corporations who break the law three times."

It is time to punish corporate crime. In order to protect investors, the environment and employees, we need to implement more stringent penalties for corporations found breaking the law. Fines have not been effective. Many corporations have discovered that it is less expensive to pay fines than change the way they do business. This is to be expected considering that some companies make millions in profit and pay thousands in fines. Furthermore, laws should be harsher for companies that are awarded government contracts. As taxpayers, we should require that corporations be banned from doing business with the government if they violate environmental laws, overcharge the government or are found to be involved in

fraudulent business practices.

Corporations such as Bechtel, the world's largest civil engineering firm, have been profiting for too long at the expense of taxpayers and the environment (Never heard of Bechtel? That's because the company values secrecy more than the National Security Agency). The Bechtel Corporation, formed in 1925 by former muleskinner Warren Bechtel, was awarded its first government contract in 1926 to build the Bowman Lake Dam in California. Since then, the company has worked on many government projects including: the Hoover Dam, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the failed CANOL oil pipeline in Alaska, the Trans-Arabian pipeline in Saudi Arabia, the world's first nuclear power plant in Illinois, BART, the Big Dig project in Boston and the construction of an entire city, Jubail Industrial City, in Saudi Arabia.

The corporation has a long history of unquestionable business practices. Bechtel came under attack during the final years of World War II, after several allegations of wartime profiteering and corruption, most of which stemmed from the failed CANOL oil pipeline in Alaska. The pipeline was to be constructed in order to prevent the Axis from gaining control of the world's oil reserves. After 11 months and \$143 million in taxpayer money, the project was abandoned, and it was concluded that the pipeline consumed more oil than it produced. Strike one.

In 1972, Bechtel was awarded a \$13 billion contract for the James Bay hydroelectric project. Before the project was completed, several environmental groups had filed charges against the company for violating several environmental laws. Strike two.

In 2003, an investigation conducted by the Boston Globe into the Bechtel Corporation's

work on the Big Dig project revealed enormous cost overruns and accounting abnormalities that totaled \$1 billion. Strike three.

In May of 2003, the New Yorker ran an article which presented evidence that the bin Ladin family invested \$10 million in The Fremont Group, formerly called Bechtel Investments and still owned by the Bechtel Corporation. Last year, despite all of the above, Bechtel was awarded a \$680 million contract to rebuild water treatment and distribution facilities and a variety of other projects in Iraq. Last month, Bloomberg.com reported that Bechtel gave \$26,501 to the George W. Bush re-election campaign, but was beat out by Washington Group for a number of lucrative rebuilding contracts in Iraq. On April 6 and 7, the Washington Group donated \$27,750 to the Bush campaign, more than Bechtel donated all year, and was subsequently rewarded with 4 reconstruction contracts totaling \$2.5 billion. The contract loss comes as a surprise considering that President Bush recently named the current Bechtel Corporation CEO, Riley P. Bechtel, to his Export Council.

Corrupt corporations should not be given billion dollar contracts because of the amount of money they donate to the president. It is time for taxpayers to demand greater accountability from their representatives and the corporations to which those representatives give contracts. Bechtel has already made three mistakes and should no longer be able to work for the U.S. government. Students interested in protecting the government and the proper use of their tax dollars can visit [www.corporate3strikes.com](http://www.corporate3strikes.com).

*Note: Much the historical information on the Bechtel Corporation used in this article was compiled from Mark Dowie's 1978 Mother Jones article, "The Bechtel File."*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo,

Congratulations goes out to who ever was in charge of placing free newspapers around campus. Besides the snazzy new stands, it is quite exciting to be able to pick up a New York Times and read it from the comfort of my own couch.

When I came to California Lutheran University as a freshman, I recall being painfully aware of the college "bubble" in which we lived, absorbed by our own activities, classes and dorm life. While learning about Aristotle is important, it seemed current affairs were put on the back burner.

Thank you for trying to keep students informed about the past and the present.

Jody Biergiel  
Senior

Dear Echo,

The letters that were published in the ECHO on March 31, 2004 seem to indicate that if someone opposes homosexuality on the basis of religion, or other reasons, it means that that person is prejudice or discriminatory towards homosexuals. I would like to point out that there are those of us who do not support homosexuality, but who do not discriminate towards homosexuals.

Let me start off by saying that I am not Lutheran, so I have no opinion about how the Lutheran church handles homosexuality. I was, however, raised in a Christian household and consider myself to be a strong Christian. I believe that the Bible speaks out very strongly against homosexuality. In a letter submitted by Moriah Harris-Rodger and Alex Scoble, they wrote that one cannot "play God and pretend that one can judge the 'Christian-ness' of homosexuality."

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## Letter to the Editor

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They are right, we cannot play God, but we can see what God has to say about homosexuality by reading the Bible.

Leviticus 18:22 says, "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." If the Old Testament isn't your thing, the New Testament has something to say as well.

Corinthians 6:9-10 says, "Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes

**"Even though I believe that homosexuality is wrong, I have several friends who are homosexual."**

Brenna Sandeen  
Senior

nor homosexual offenders ... will inherit the kingdom of God." Other verses include Leviticus 20:13 and Romans 1:18-27.

The Bible, however, also commands us to love our neighbor and to do unto others as we would have done unto us. This means that as Christians, we have an obligation to treat everyone with kindness and respect. It is not our job as Christians to judge one another's sins. That job is, thankfully, left up to God, who is full of mercy and grace. Even though I believe that homosexuality is wrong, I have several friends who are homosexual. They know where I stand on the issue, but they also know that they can come to me for respect, kindness, love, and friendship. The issue of homosexuality is one that will continue to cause strife within our society. I just want people to know that it is possible to disagree with homosexuality but also respect everyone and treat people with dignity.

Brenna Sandeen  
History, Senior

# OPINION

## Job market bleak for grads.



By Brandee J. Tecson  
COLUMNIIST

In Parade's annual "What People Earn" issue, the publication brings to light a disheartening but real issue facing our nation today: despite stable economic growth, our job market is still struggling.

First of all, the good news: national productivity is high, inflation is low, corporate profits are up, and the stock market has rebounded. All of these are tell-tale signs of economic recovery.

However, experts say that growth in the economy cannot be sustained without "robust job creation" and rising wages, neither of which looks promising in the near future.

Since 2001, the nation has lost 2.3 million jobs. As a result, job creation has been weaker than in any economic recovery since 1945. In 2003, nearly 22 percent of the 9 million Americans out of work were unemployed for six months or longer. That is the highest level in 20 years. In addition, almost 4.5 million people worked part time because they were unable to find a full-time permanent position.

Granted, job creation did pick up slightly last August, but the morale of many job seekers is still waning. According to U.S. government data, when unemployment rates fell last December from 5.9 percent to 5.7 percent, it was simply because many job seekers gave up looking.

Taking those individuals into account, that means nearly 12 percent of the nation's labor force is unemployed or underemployed. That number could possibly be higher considering it does not take into consideration those who deem themselves "self-employed."

That is a staggering number, to say the least, and calls for some immediate attention as far as our government is concerned. In order to make a significant difference in unemployment, experts say that at least 200,000 jobs must be created a month on a consistent basis. This is a startling and seemingly unattainable statistic.

And the sad truth is, we may not see improvements for some time. Experts predict that we will not see much advancement until at least 2005.

"Job creation in America is in the basement," said Sen. Ted Kennedy. "Last month, the economy created only one new job for every 390 out-of-work Americans, and not one of those new jobs was a private sector job."

Kennedy has publicly criticized President Bush's comments that he would create approximately 4 million jobs by the end of 2003.

"The nation lost 1.9 million jobs instead," said Kennedy, of 2002 figures. As for 2003, nearly 300,000 more jobs were lost. Additionally, for the new jobs created, workers received 21 percent less pay. The median salary last year was just over \$32,000.

In stark contrast, however, CEO's of large companies now average more than \$10 million a year in total compensation. Real estate mogul Donald Trump earned approximately \$100 million in 2003 alone.

To top it off, their median cash bonus alone was \$605,000, a 26 percent jump over 2002. For many who are simply trying to stay afloat, that figure may seem like a ridiculous amount of money.

In today's tough job market, it is no surprise that many college graduates are deferring the work force for graduate school, which explains the rise in unpaid internships and in applications to public service programs like the Peace Corps.

Around 42 percent of employers surveyed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers say they expect to cut college hiring this year, while 36 percent said they plan to hire new college graduates.

Overall, employers expect to keep their levels of hiring new college graduates steady this year compared to last. But consider that hiring of new grads dropped 36 percent last

year from the previous year, which still implies a continued hiring slump for many graduates.

However, some grads are fanning better than others. Business majors are doing relatively better than some of their liberal arts counterparts. Although some reports say hiring of students with MBA degrees will improve this year, many say recruiting is still slow for those with these advanced business degrees.

"The general thought was that the graduating class of 2002 had seen the worst," said Mel Penn, president of the MBA Career Services Council, which represents career counseling professionals from 240 business schools.

But the continued recession, along with the war in Iraq, has made many employers cautious about hiring new workers. Now, new graduates not only have to worry about competing with each other, but also competing with MBAs who graduated last year, as well as people with much more experience who've been laid off during the recession.

Despite the discouraging outlook for college grads, career counselors say there are ways for students to get their foot in the door. One of the most important is through internships.

Nearly 70 percent of companies reported making job offers to their companies' own interns before even interviewing other candidates. In 2002, almost 50 percent of new hires ultimately came from recruiters' own intern pools.

Regardless of what field you work in, it is always beneficial to start early. Internships lead to a foot in the door that, in coming years, may remain shut to those outside the company.

Career counselors also stress the importance of networking. Just because companies aren't out actively seeking new workers doesn't mean jobs aren't out there, and being in the right place at the right time can make a big difference between getting hired and being on unemployment.

After all, it's a small world. You might as well use it to your advantage.

## An alumna's opinion on homosexuality

By Simone Rizkallah  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

As an alumna and a person who cares about the future of her alma mater, I felt compelled to submit this missive to the Echo. The debate about whether or not CLU should be funding organizations like Gay-Straight Alliance goes beyond political affiliation or where your sympathies lie regarding the gay movement.

This is really about intellectual honesty. There is one thing all un-apathetic students can agree on, and that is we care about this issue in our attempt to create a better world for our children. On that note, I shall attempt to clarify this issue. First, why be a Lutheran? Obviously those who hold Lutheran beliefs believe their convictions and their way of living is preferable to other ways of living and believing, since they choose to align themselves accordingly.

Second, do Lutherans claim to be Christians? My knowledge base affirms that Lutherans are, indeed, Christians. Do Christians under the Lutheran denomination believe that the Christian Bible is the inspired word of God? As far as I know, yes it does. What does the Christian Bible in both the Old and New Testament say? There

are several passages that warn the believer to abstain from homosexual behavior. Here is one of them from Leviticus (20:13), but you can also check out Corinthians: "If a man lies with a male, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." If the ELCA supports homosexual behavior, then it should re-think its commitment to Christianity and the Christian Bible. Homosexual behavior is a sin according to the Bible, just like folication, murder, adultery and so forth. Now we have clarified that homosexual behavior, not "being" gay is a sin. So what is the harm in supporting the GSA? The problem is that, and now I am assuming, so forgive me (I'm not being sarcastic) if I am wrong in assuming this, I doubt members of GSA are holding meetings discussing the difficulty of living with this burden and talking about lifelong celibacy. I doubt they are discussing the revolting decision of the American Psychiatric Association's lack of support for reparative therapy for homosexuals who are trying to receive treatment.

Therapists are denying hundreds of gay people who have outwardly stated that they want to receive treatment. As a person who

feels that a diversity of options should be presented, I am outraged. Homosexuality, thus far, has no scientific explanation and as a result should not be treated as such. The reason the APA has taken this stance is due to pressure from gay lobbyists, but no scientific issue should be treated differently over another. Science is an objective field.

I assume the APA gave in to the pressure because it does not want to hurt feelings. Scientific research should not involve feelings, but I can understand, not accept, it. I have many gay friends. I have many straight friends. It isn't easy for me to be open about my feelings on homosexual behavior. Furthermore, it isn't easy for me to tell my straight friends they are sinning when they engage in pre-marital sex.

Then again, it isn't easy being a Christian. Christ never said it would be. If you are looking to your Christianity to find a comfort zone, you are looking in the wrong place. While God will provide consolation to those who are persecuted, despite their love for the people they are seemingly against ("love the sinner, hate the sin" as the saying goes), Christianity that has become a "feel good drug" has lost its purpose and mission.

The argument that if CLU wants to be

truly Christian, it should remove the Jewish club and so forth from its campus is invalid. Christianity does not consider Jewish-ness and those practices that make someone distinctly Jewish to be sinful, which brings me back to CLU. What does the Christian identity mean to this school? What role will Christ play? Christ told the adulteress who was about to be stoned, "You are forgiven. Go and sin no more." God has enough love for everyone. Christians can agree on this and this is why all people are welcome to attend CLU. But the important message in this parable is "Go and sin no more." Is that the agenda of the GSA?

If it is, and I am ignorant of it, then none of this matters and this is a non-issue. But if it is not, if it seeks to normalize homosexual behavior by its events, then I think Michael Falcone makes a good point in his article about what the true mission of CLU ought to be.

I assume CLU wants its Lutheran name to have validity and truly mean something; but does it? And if CLU decides to make the acceptance of all its main purpose, then I truly hope that the Echo and the good students of CLU are more open-minded to politically diverse opinions, namely, conservatism.



# Ruthless Regals snatch four wins in a row



Photograph by Dan Norton

Junior Heidi Miller hits a ground ball through the infield. Miller went four-for-four at the plate against Pomona.

By Arif Hasan  
STAFF WRITER

With only four games away from finishing the season, the California Lutheran University Regals softball team was not taking any games lightly, winning all four

of their games played last week. Last week began with a doubleheader against Hope International on Wednesday, April 14. The Regals came out on fire, winning the first game 12-7 and the second game 4-2. Senior Carrie Mitchell drove in two runs and scored three runs, while teammate sophomore Olivia Chacon pitched a complete game to help the

Regals defeat Hope International.

"We know how important these last few games are, and everyone stepped up and came ready to play," Mitchell said.

The Regals returned home Friday, April 16, to take on Pomona Pitzer in a conference game. They beat them 9-1, and improved their record to 6-5 in conference and 14-17 overall. Mitchell and junior Heidi Miller both went four-for-four at the plate.

"With only a few games left, these conference games are a must-win for us," Head Coach Debby Day said.

The Regals hosted Colorado College on Sunday, April 18 and won 14-1. Freshman Ashley Calendo pitched her first home victory pitching all five innings, giving up only one-run off of one hit. With Calendo leading the defense, sophomore Gianna Regal started the Regals offensive attack with a two-run home run in the first inning. Senior Emily Otineru almost completed the cycle with a single, a double and a triple. She also scored three times and drove in five runs.

All nine Regal starters reached base safely at least once. The game was called after 4.5 innings of play because CLU's lead was larger than ten.

With that win the Regals improved to 15-17. They then had a make-up doubleheader

against Pomona Pitzer on Monday, April 19. Scores for this game were not available at press time.



Photograph by Dan Norton

Senior Carrie Mitchell prepares to steal second base.

# Kingsmen past comes back to haunt

**"Our guys competed as if their life depended on it with tremendous team spirit. We just have to keep our hopes alive."**

Mike Genette  
Head Coach

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, April 16, the California Lutheran University men's tennis team entered into the end of the season with the SCIAC championships hosted by the University of Redlands.

The Kingsmen, who were seeded third in the tournament, faced the Occidental College Tigers on Friday at 8 a.m.

The score, which came favorable to the Kingsmen, 4-0, was a quick start to get the weekend under way. The teams would only

play up to four points since that is a declared win for any team.

Doubles, led by junior Quinn Caldaron and partner Joel Wetterholm, earned the first point for the Kingsmen. Karlo Arapovic and partner J.V. Vallejos also won at No. 2 doubles, making it an immediate win in the doubles fraction of the match.

"We just wanted to get this match finished and then play Redlands. Occidental was not a big bump, but, yet again, we had to cruise through them quickly and begin a good focus for the match after it," Caldaron said.

The Kingsmen raced to get the three extra singles points on the board. These three points came with quick wins by No. 4 player Junya Hasebe defeating his opponent Sean Wong 6-2, 6-0; No. 5 player Ben Staley defeating his opponent Sam Sinkin 6-1, 6-2 and No. 1 Caldaron defeating Brett Baker 6-2, 6-0.

After these matches were over, all other matches were stopped due to the automatic

win, and teams were sent to the next round.

The Kingsmen faced the hosting team, University of Redlands Bulldogs, who had defeated the Kingsmen on every meet this year. The outcome in the tournament was the same as in season.

The Bulldogs defeated the Kingsmen 6-1. The only win that the Kingsmen came up with was when No. 4 Hasebe defeated Ashwin Bhargava 6-4, 6-2.

The only other significant score is the close loss at No. 2, during which Vallejos lost to Michael Thoresz 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Losing to the Bulldogs meant that the Kingsmen would drop the immediate possibility of going to Nationals since they would not be ranked in the top of the region.

"It is disappointing to know that we have a smaller possibility of going to Nationals. Last year we made it, and it was a good experience for all of us as a team, but we will keep our heads up and wait and see if we get to go," Hasebe said.

The loss on Friday meant the Kingsmen

had to play for the third spot in SCIAC on Sunday. Rain prevented the teams from playing all day Saturday.

The Kingsmen came out victorious to snatch the third spot from the Pomona Pitzer Sagehens with a score of 6-1.

"Our guys competed as if their life depended on it with tremendous team spirit. We just have to keep our hope alive," Head Coach Mike Genette said.

The Kingsmen will head to Ojai, Calif., to play in the Ojai Valley Invitational where the players will have a chance to make it individually to Nationals.

**"It is disappointing to know that we have a smaller possibility of going to Nationals."**

Junya Hasebe  
Senior

# Golf shoots lowest score of year

By Cassandra Wolf  
STAFF WRITER

The CLU golf team shot its lowest score this season by defeating Occidental College, 288-439.

Freshman Christian Colunga had the lowest individual score, 69, followed by sophomore Peder Nyhus who finished the par-71 course even. Junior Jason Poyser completed the course 2-up, freshman Nick Verner and Tyler Doyle shot a 75 and a 77, respectively, and senior Jordan Silvertrust finished with a 79.

"Our guys have been playing really well over the last month or so," Head Coach Jeff Lindgren said. "Each of the guys has had their own rounds where they did well individually. In order for us to shoot a good team score, everyone needs to do well on the same day

and that's what we did on Thursday."

"Anything under 290 is awesome. Just the fact that we won by 51 strokes means that our players beat every one of their players," Silvertrust said. "We're done with dual matches; the next two matches are on Monday, April 19, and Thursday, April 22."

Lindgren, Verner and Silvertrust said that unlike previous tournaments, the weather on Thursday was suitable for golf.

"We had great weather," Lindgren said. "It was a little breezy, but it was warm, and overall, it was one of the better days at Sterling Hills."

Over the last month, CLU has moved up in the NCAA Division III national rankings.

"We're hoping if we play well over the next couple of weeks, we can get ourselves into the NCAA Division III National Championship," Lindgren said.

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# SPORTS

## Leopards prey on Kingsmen



Photographs by Kyle Peterson  
Above: The Kingsmen and their coach gather around to talk strategy. Below: Junior David Ramirez celebrates as he rounds the bases after hitting a home run.



Photographs by Kyle Peterson  
Junior Danny Chaparra hustles backward from the infield to catch the fly ball.



By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team had a tough week as they took on the La Verne Leopards. The Kingsmen came out ready to play the Leopards on Friday, April 16, but fell short losing to the Leopards, 10-4.

The Kingsmen led with single runs in the second and third innings, but the Leopards came back and tied up the game in the fifth. The game took another turn as sophomore Christian Hariot went up to bat and hit a two-run home run to gain the lead back for CLU.

The Leopards didn't give up; they had eight runs at the top of the ninth that led La Verne to their victory.

"Basically we started off great, but we just couldn't hold it in the end. We had good defense throughout, but we just broke down in

the end," junior Simon Lozano said.

Hariot finished 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and three RBIs. Freshman Nate Cusick took the loss for the Kingsmen as the relief pitcher. Starting pitcher junior Jon Calmes went eight innings, giving up three runs on nine hits and striking out five.

The Kingsmen traveled to La Verne Saturday, April 17, and lost again to the Leopards, 12-4.

"We didn't come out prepared to play, and we didn't swing the bats like we can. Overall, we simply just didn't play our game," junior Roy Riley said.

The Kingsmen started the second game of the doubleheader, but it had to be postponed until the next day. The Leopards were leading 3-1 at the bottom of the inning, and the Kingsmen had a runner on base.

The game resumed on Sunday, April 18, at La Verne. The Kingsmen fought hard but were still unable to beat the Leopards; they fell short, losing 9-3.

"We played good defense, but they just had a better offense than we did this week. They made moves that were key to help them win, and we didn't make those moves," Calmes said. "They were just a really good team."

**"We didn't come out prepared to play, and we didn't swing the bats like we can. Overall, we simply just didn't play our game."**

Roy Riley  
Junior

## Regals tennis takes third place in tourney

**"We needed to come out strong and bulldoze them quickly so we could get on to the main match of the day which was against Redlands."**

Blair Murphy  
Sophomore

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, April 16, the California Lutheran University women's tennis team hosted the SCIAC championships at Claremont where the Regals finished third place overall in the event.

The first opponent the Regals encountered was the California Institute of Technology, which didn't have enough might to stop the Regals in their SCIAC championship start.

The Regals, who beat CIT 9-0, had no close scores except at No. 3, when freshman Briana Smalling defeated Jenny Hsiao 6-1, 7-6 (3). All of the other Regals didn't drop more than four games in the match up. In doubles, the Regals won all three matches easily, giving them the early advantage and getting them an easy start for the next round when they played the University of Redlands Bulldogs.

"We needed to come out strong and bulldoze them quickly so we could get on to the main match of the day which was against Redlands," sophomore Blair Murphy said.

The much-anticipated match of the day for CLU came when the Regals faced the

University of Redlands to make their way into the semifinals.

The match started with a 2-1 deficit in doubles where the team of junior Jen Hansen and senior Rebecca Hunau were the only ones to score for the Regals. The Regals fired up to rebound off their loss of the doubles point and won three singles matches to give the Regals four points overall. These four points weren't enough to beat Redlands, who ended up defeating the Regals, 5-4.

Singles was a good component of the Regals game. No. 2 Hunau, No. 3 Lisa Novajosky and No. 4 Murphy dominated their matches. Hansen at No. 1 was very close to taking the Regals to the next round, barely losing 6-2, 7-6.

"All our team played a top-notch match, and Jen Hansen had one of the best perfor-

mances that I have seen in her career at CLU," said Head Coach Nancy Garrison.

For third place, the Regals faced the Pomona Pitzer Sagehens, but because of rain the match was canceled and therefore no play went on that day.

"We were disappointed not to play against Pomona since we wanted to beat them again and make sure that they had no possibility of getting third place. We also wanted a more secure spot for Nationals," Novajosky said.

The Regals will play individually for a spot in the NCAA Division III individual regional tournament in Ojai, Calif., where both the men's and the women's teams will battle to further their tennis season and try to bring CLU another national individual title.

## Water polo remains positive despite losing streak

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

It was a tough time for the California Lutheran University women's water polo team—it lost both of its matches this week.

The Regals went down fighting but still were not able to beat Redlands on Wednesday, April 14.

Freshman Danielle Rios scored three goals, while freshman Kenuyo Ishida had one along with a steal. Freshman Kayla Schrock had nine saves and three steals in the game.

"They had a lot of players on their team, and they were good on offense. I think that we could have done better if we had a bigger team. That way, we wouldn't be so tired and we could sub in and out," freshman Jen Danielson said.

The Regals then had a game on Saturday, April 17, against the Whittier Poets. The Poets crushed the Regals, who lost 15-7.

"We did well, but we felt the course was set wrong. The halfway mark was off and closer to one goal than the other. So I believe that if the mark was right, we could have

at least won more of the sprints," freshman Scarlet Williams said.

Rios led the team with goals, finishing with three. Williams had two goals and two steals. Freshman Mackenzie Faumuina and Ishida had one goal apiece. Schrock had nine saves for the game.

"I think that we came out strong this week and have improved ourselves so much over the season," Faumuina said. "I think that all of our hard work has been paying off."

The Regals play their final game of the season on Wednesday, April 21, at home

against California Institute of Technology.

**"I think we could have done better if we had a bigger team. That way, we wouldn't be so tired and we could sub in and out."**

Jen Danielson  
Freshman



## SPORTS

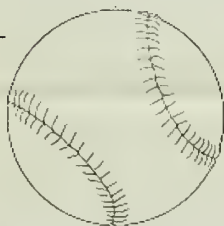
## Intramural Sports

Standings as of 4-19-04

## Basketball



<u>League 1</u>	<u>League 2</u>	<u>League 3</u>
Green Grass Blades (5-0)	Bumblebees (5-0)	CalmB4TheStorm (5-0)
Not U (4-1)	Uptown (4-1)	Bad Boys (3-2)
Darkness (3-2)	Free Saddam (3-2)	The Dynasty (3-2)
Bombberman Don't Practice (2-3)	Power Flex (2-3)	Ill Tempered 11 (3-2)
California Blazers (1-4)	Slow Motion (1-4)	Steel Reserve (1-4)
LaBron's Squad (0-5)	Chunks Revenge (0-5)	Braddas (0-5)



## Softball

Legends and the Fall (6-1)	Juice Train (2-4)
Fox Hunters (6-1)	Team Yahtzee (2-4)
LA Chiefs (6-1)	Team Ramrod (2-4)
The Dynasty (5-0)	Green Death (2-4)
The Hitters Club (4-1)	Bucketheads (2-5)
The Eugoogalizers (4-3)	Underrated (1-5)
Logans Hero's (3-2)	Riff Raff (0-2)
The Short Bus Crew (3-4)	The Opposing Team (0-6)

***This week on Fox Sports:***

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# The Echo

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## Opinion

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# CLU hosts Scandinavian Festival

By Ashley George  
STAFF WRITER

The 31st annual Scandinavian Festival hosted by California Lutheran University attracted hundreds of visitors over the weekend of April 24-25.

The festival, which took place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Kingsmen Park, featured live music, authentic Scandinavian food, a petting zoo and Scandinavian art.

The cost was \$10 for adults and \$6 for teens and senior citizens. CLU students were admitted free of charge.

"Educating ... students about other cultures is the first step to diversifying the campus," freshman Brian Coltin said.

Visitors arrived dressed in traditional Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish apparel. Flags from various Scandinavian countries were planted around campus.

Children were invited to play games,

and visitors were encouraged to walk through a model of a Viking camp.

Dog breeders set up a booth where visitors could pet and play with Norwegian Elkhounds. Owners shared information about the breed and answered visitors' questions.

A children's choir sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" while family, friends and visitors watched.

A number of other recitals took place, including a performance by Dr. Dorothy Schechter of CLU, who played the piano.

A petting zoo, which featured several goats, baby chickens, several rabbits, a pig and a chicken, was open to visitors for a \$3 fee. In addition to the petting zoo, pony rides were available for children.

A quartet played traditional Scandinavian music while artists sold their pottery, paintings and other artwork.

Some vendors sold woodwork,



*Scandinavian royals partake of a feast that included many authentic foods.*

while others sold purses, wool socks and Scandinavian jewelry.

A stage featured a number of live musical acts, including a group of men and women singing traditional Finnish songs. A large dance floor provided people with a place to perform folk dances.

A rock climbing wall and several "Moon Bounces" also provided entertainment for people of all ages.

"I really enjoyed the Scandinavian Festival. It ... made me feel in touch with my Nordic heritage," freshman Dave Dom said.



*A dance floor allowed for performers to participate in traditional Scandinavian dances.*

## Spring Formal takes to the seas

By Jen Ledesma  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University held its annual Spring Formal Saturday, April 24. The event was held on a yacht in Newport Beach, Calif.

The dance, held on "The Entertainer," a three-story yacht, was themed "Come away with me."

Students were allowed to start boarding the boat at 7:30 p.m. The evening began with a formal dinner. Decorated tables took up both the first and second floors for dinner seating.

"I thought it was lovely. The food was a little slow-served, but it was excellent. They played good music, too," sophomore Grace May said.

After dinner was over, tables on the second floor of the yacht were cleared away to make room for dancing.

Music played for a little over two hours while the yacht sailed around the Newport Beach Harbor. To cool off, students went out onto the third deck for some stargazing.

"It was good, but I wished they played more music. Dinner took forever, but it was super fun anyway," junior Carly Sandell said.

Tickets to the formal sold out early, with over 350 students attending the event. Dancing ended just before midnight as the ship pulled back into the dock.

"I couldn't be happier with the way that the night turned out. When it finally set in that we were all floating on a yacht under the stars and getting to dance the night away, I thought it was great," said Katy Wilson, the CLU dance and social activities coordinator.

Students closed out the evening with a slow dance to the Norah Jones song that provided the evening's name, "Come Away With Me."



*A young girl visits the festival in her first traditional dress.*



*The festival "king" and his queen dine in eloquent fashion.*

All photographs by Kyle Peterson

## CLU alum to be featured on TV

By Devon Bostock  
PRESS RELEASE

California Lutheran University alumna Kelly Culwell (class of 1995) will be appearing on the Discovery Health Channel. The special is titled "Unexpected Joy." It is part of the "Babies: Special Delivery" series. It will

run April 27 at 9 p.m., April 28 at 12 a.m. and May at 12 p.m. The episode features Culwell delivering a baby via Caesarian section.

Culwell is currently in her last 10 weeks as the chief resident at the University of California at San Diego Medical Center. When she graduates, she plans on working for an obstetrics/gynecology practice in Vista, Calif.



# Calendar

APRIL 28, 2004

a sneak peek of this week at the lu

**today**  
april 28

**Worship**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Common Ground**  
Chapel Narthex  
9:11 p.m.



**thursday**  
april 29

**Mainstage 3 - "Don Juan in Hell"**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball Championship**  
Gym  
9 p.m.

**The NEED**  
SUB  
10 p.m.

**friday**  
april 30

**Friday Eucharist**  
Meditation Chapel  
12 p.m.

**Mainstage 3 - "Don Juan in Hell"**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**Honors Day Convocation**  
Chapel  
10:10 a.m.

**Club Lu: Lu'au**  
Gym  
8:30 p.m.



**saturday**  
may 1

**Mainstage 3 - "Don Juan in Hell"**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
8 p.m.

**sunday**  
may 2

**Mainstage 3 - "Don Juan in Hell"**  
Preus-Brandt Forum  
2 p.m.

**Intramural Softball**  
Gibello Field  
10 a.m.

**Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Chapel  
6:15 p.m.



**monday**  
may 3

**ASCLU-G Senate Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
5:15 p.m.

**ASCLU-G Programs Board Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
6:30 p.m.

**ASCLU-G RHA Meeting**  
Nygreen 1  
8:30 p.m.

**tuesday**  
may 4

**Psychology Club Meeting**  
Mogen Hall Lounge  
8 p.m.



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## Take Back the Night

Wednesday, April 28th

### Schedule of Events:

6:30 p.m. - Community resource information tables  
7:30 p.m. - Rally  
8 p.m. - Candlelight march on CLU campus

The first take back the night rally in the United States was held in San Francisco in 1978 to protest violence against women, particularly sexual assault. Since then, take back the night events have spread across the nation broadening in perspective and taking on many forms. Sexual assault is everyone's problem. Therefore, men, women and children are welcome and encouraged to join us on our march.

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## Registration Dates & Times

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\* 100-110+ Credits:  
Web: Tue., April 27  
Walk-in: Wed., April 28

\* 78-99 Credits:  
Web: Wed., April 28  
Walk-in: Thur., April 29

\* 58-78 Credits:  
Web: Thur., April 29  
Walk-in: Fri., April 30

\* 35-57 Credits:  
Web: Fri., April 30  
Walk-in: Mon., May 3

\* 15-34 Credits:  
Web: Mon., May 3  
Walk-in: Tues., May 4

\* 0-15 Credits:  
Web: Tues., May 4  
Walk-in: Wed., May 5

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Need more information?

An informational meeting will be held on April 30th @ 10 a.m. in the Pavilion or in the SUB if it rains. Or, call: Juanita Pryor Hall @ x3951.



# FEATURES

## What are you looking forward to this summer?



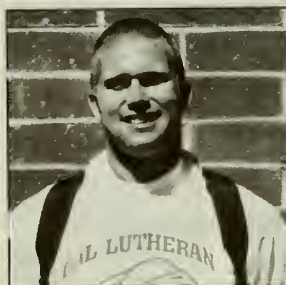
Becky Badertscher, music, 2004

"Having no homework and getting tan."



Victoria Reinhardt, history, 2004

"Time off with no professors breathing down my neck."



Ryan Tukua, exercise science, 2004

"Going on a cruise to Mexico with seven of my friends."



Beau Kimbrel, multimedia, 2004

"Starting work and getting paid good money for it."

Campus Quotes are compiled by Jimmy Fox. Photography is by Claire Hillard.

### HOW CAN DRAMA PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE?

CLU alumnus Roberto Gutierrez Varea talks about combining theater arts and social work during the Honors Day Convocation  
Samuelson Chapel — Friday, April 30, 10 a.m.

## Movie Review

### More story, less action in "Kill Bill: V. 2"

By Ryan Leach  
STAFF WRITER

Awsome. This movie is ridiculously good. If you have seen the first "Kill Bill," you've undoubtedly already checked out the sequel. However, for all of you who missed the first one or somehow let the sequel slip your grasp, know this: "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" is the best flick I've seen since either "The Dawn of the Dead" remake or "Bubba Ho-tep."

If you haven't seen the first one, do. I wholeheartedly recommend seeing it prior to the sequel. The sequel does a brief recap of the plight of Beatrix Kiddo (played by Uma Thurman), but the first film is such an awesome movie in and of itself, a five-minute review falls terribly short of capturing the essence of the precursor (would you feel fulfilled with a best of "The Who" album? Answer: No. Just get their first record).

"Kill Bill: Vol. 2" relies a little more on its storyline than it does in its action sequences (at least compared to the first). There are no real bloodbaths in this flick, but there is still tons of action. The movie follows Quentin Tarantino's typical style of jumping back and forth through different time periods. We learn where Beatrix Kiddo received some of her training, and why it is important to be able to punch through wood blocks at close range. There are some curveballs thrown in that I don't want to give away. The sequel certainly focuses more on Bill (played by David Carradine) and his past relationship with Kiddo.

My only qualm with this flick is, why couldn't Tarantino have brought back the "5.6.7.8's" for this film? That band is so ridiculously good I am tempted to turn in all my Trashwomen records for their back catalogue. That aside, the ruling: check this one out.

## Car of the Week



Car of the Week is compiled by Kyle Peterson

Freshman Chris Ryan shreds the tires in his 1999 Pontiac Trans Am. Putting power to his NITTO 555R drag radials on 17 x 9.5 American Racing wheels is a 5.7 LS1 V8. The engine breathes through MIT power induction and custom Sebring Bullets with 3" pipes.

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# Famed photojournalist speaks in chapel

By Sierra McGuire  
STAFF WRITER

Who knew that a high school drop out would one day become one of the most storied American photojournalists? Val Mazzenga, shares his amazing experiences through a multimedia presentation across college campuses. His presentation at California Lutheran University on Friday, April 23, in the Samuelson Chapel, shared "The Untold Story" of his travels and experiences world wide.

He told stories illustrated by his photos of villains and heroes, like Jim Jones, leader of the 1978 mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana, and homerun record holder Mark McGwire. Mazzenga also shared his experiences in places around the world including Brazil, Chile, Rio De Janeiro, Mexico City, Peru, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, Vietnam and China.

He never finished high school, never

**"Artists and photographers never retire, they just take different avenues."**

Val Mazzenga  
Speaker

attended college and never took a single photography class.

"For never taking classes, his composition is amazing," said senior Tori Alcox.

At 15, he worked as a copy boy for the "Chicago Tribune." Working as an assistant to eight photographers, he learned the tricks of the trade and soon was on staff as a photographer.

"I wanted to be a baseball player. I wanted to be a pilot. But when I became a photographer, that was it," Mazzenga said.

Mazzenga is the most honored pho-

tographer in "Tribune" history, earning over 200 awards, including five Beck Awards and six Pulitzer Prize nominations. Through his presentation, he included photos of deaths in Jonestown, Guyana, starvation in Africa and Camivale in Rio. He also showed a photo essay of Mother Teresa, President Nixon, and sports heroes Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds.

Although today the photo world seems to be going digital, Mazzenga continues to do photo shoots with film.

"I like that he stays true to his craft by using film," said sophomore Kevin Cortez.

Currently, Mazzenga is compiling a book of his work, and enjoying the freedom of being freelance.

"Artists and photographers never retire, they just take different avenues," Mazzenga said.

When asked about his best photo, Mazzenga said, "I've yet to make it."



Photography by Kyle Peterson

Speaker Val Mazzenga discusses his photojournalism career on Friday, April 23.

## Senior art exhibit opens in Kwan Fong Gallery

By Jihan Gray  
STAFF WRITER

Once a year, graduating California Lutheran University seniors have the opportunity to put their art on display. The Kwan Fong Gallery hosted the opening of graduating art major's final projects for the year.

Although the exhibit will be up until May 15, the opening provided a chance for those interested to meet the artists and discuss the pieces of art.

"I want people to know the experience of the art, understand the time that went into creating it," said senior Chris Hughes.

A lot of the art pieces are done in acrylic. The majority of artists chose deep rich colors that seem to convey the mood of the art.

Some of the themes included diversity

in life, love, personal view, and various other topics.

"The exhibit is really great because art is really done by yourself unless you're in a class. Seeing everyone else's art is inspiring," said senior Renee Papegay.

Some of the art works includes Elizabeth Hergert's series entitled "Children of Dust" (the series of three works include acrylic and water color), Amie Haltman's "Man and Woman" (an acrylic piece on plywood) and Bryan Zumo's "Portrait of Sunny Garcia."

The art exhibit shows how individuals on the CLU campus chose to express themselves through art.

One should take the time to see the art before it is removed on May 15, but beware, the art may inspire some viewers to create their own art.



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Senior Elizabeth Hergert prepares her art work to be displayed in the Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture. The art work will be displayed through May 15.

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# ASCLU senate should not censor



By Brett Rowland  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The ASCLU Senate narrowly (6-7 to overturn) approved a student lead initiative to establish a chapter of NORML as a student club here at CLU last week. The initiative, sponsored by Etienne Emanuel and Quinn Longhurst in conjunction with philosophy professor William Bersley, creates a school-sponsored club dedicated to the promotion of the political agenda of the nationwide National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

The organization's mission statement reads: "NORML's mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty."

Debate was sparked by a number of ASCLU members who were concerned that the club would promote drug use or other

equally unhealthy habits. After the initiative was originally passed, a group of six ASCLU members, headed by Valerie Vallejos, tried to overturn the bill, but failed. And at such a failure, I laugh.

Why would members of the Senate want to prevent students from establishing a chapter of a well-known political organization? Surely, their reasons must be content-based. I'm certain that this same group of senators, opposed to establishing a NORML chapter, would have no reservations about passing a bill to establish a chapter of the National Rifle Association. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if they openly wept tears of joy after establishing a chapter of the NRA. My delusion(s) aside, this blatant attempt at censorship is appalling.

The Supreme Court of the United States has consistently rejected content-based censorship. In most cases, the Court has rejected all forms prior-restraint. However, some members of the ASCLU senate attempted to enforce prior-restraint upon a political organization. Although the senate is not bound by Supreme Court precedent, I would think that any entity charged with voicing the opinions of the CLU student body would take such precedents into consideration.

Had the Vallejos commission succeeded, all political organizations here at CLU would be subject to the whim of the senate. Perhaps next year, Vallejos and her cronies would

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Brett Rowland  
Editor in Chief

have attempted to revoke the charter of the Democratic Club.

The Supreme Court has afforded political speech the highest protection under the First Amendment. To wit: "This court has characterized the freedom of speech and that of the press as fundamental personal rights and liberties. The phrase is not an empty one and was not lightly used. It reflects the belief of the framers of the Constitution that exercise of the rights lies at the foundation of free government by free men. It stresses, as do many opinions of this court, the importance of preventing the restriction of enjoyment of these liberties." (Schneider v. New Jersey, 308 U.S. 147 (1939)).

The Vallejos commission would have better served the CLU community by promoting diversity and public discourse instead of trying to impose some backwater Nazi prior-restraint crap on a university campus.

## A call for sporting equality

By Emily Gjellstad  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

I am writing to all the women out there who love to play golf. There is no women's golf team here at CLU, and that is something that needs to be changed. Though the efforts of establishing a team are growing, there needs to be more action.

"Women's golf has been on the near horizon in the last few years," said Bruce Bryde, Director of Athletics. He also said he believes there is sufficient interest among women on campus to sustain a program. There are, however, several issues that need to be discussed before a team can be formed.

It is important to understand that the implementation of a new sport on campus takes time. It could possibly take up to two years before the program is operating in full. However, turning women's golf into a club

sport could be the first step. With a club sport, though, there is no funding from the athletic department. There may be some funding from ASCLU, but club sports are generally self-funded programs, according to Bryde. Men's rugby and lacrosse, are currently the two club sports here on campus. Forming a club sport takes a lot of dedication, and a lot of work from those involved, but it could grow in to a fully sponsored Southern California Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (SCIAC) sport.

Golf has grown tremendously in the past few years for women, and it would be a great addition to CLU athletics. The first thing necessary for the implementation of a golf team is to see what kind of interest the women at CLU have. Once there is an expressed interest, we can team up with the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps team, which is the only conference school to support a women's golf team, to encourage the rest of the SCIAC to support women's golf. The SCIAC currently sponsors

nine women's teams, and 10 men's teams. CLU has teams for each of the sponsored sports. Because there are more teams offered for men, it makes sense that another sport should be offered for women. Right now, however, CLU doesn't have a team because there isn't enough competition according to Bryde. Once the conference gets involved, we will be a huge step ahead. Let's make CLU a leader in persuading other conference schools to support a women's golf team. A lot of work is involved in forming a team, but it is worth it. It is important to enhance women's athletics, and by adding a women's golf team here at CLU, that can be done. In a few years, women golfers at CLU may be competing at the collegiate level.

The only way this can happen is for women golfers to express some interest. If you are interested in a women's golf team at CLU, give me a call at ext. 2651. At the very least, maybe we could hit the driving range.

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## OPINION

## The rise and fall of Martha Stewart



By Brandy J. Tecson  
COLUMNIST

Whether you love her or despise her, Martha Stewart has once again captured the media's spotlight, only this time, it isn't for the latest fondue recipe.

The once-glorified domestic goddess and multi-million dollar homemaker was convicted recently on all charges, including "obstruction of justice, charges of conspiracy and two counts of making false statements to federal investigators." With each charge carrying a maximum prison sentence of five years, Stewart could spend a maximum of 20 years behind bars.

Although legal experts believe she will not have to endure a prison term longer than 10 to 16 months, Stewart must also pay a fine of \$250,000 for perjury and obstruction of justice "in connection with a well-timed stock sale" that saved the domestic guru a meager \$51,000. Her sentencing is set for June 17.

Convicted along with Stewart was her personal stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, who was found guilty on all the same counts, but was cleared of a separate charge of making

false documents.

Prosecutors said Stewart received "an improper tip that federal regulators would not approve ImClone's anti-cancer drug, Erbitux." However, her defense claims Stewart already had a prior arrangement to sell her stock if the price ever fell below a certain point.

Both Stewart and Bacanovic have said that they will appeal to have their convictions overturned.

On her official website, Stewart writes, "I am obviously distressed by the jury's verdict, but I continue to take comfort in knowing that I have done nothing wrong. I

**"I doubt locking up Martha Stewart would do much good other than give us a few more laughs."**

Brandy J. Tecson  
Columnist

will appeal the verdict and continue to fight to clear my name. I remain confident that I will ultimately prevail."

Stewart, who gained a reputation of being a shrewd and cold businesswoman, became a target for suspicion when she dumped nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone on Dec. 27, 2001, reportedly after learning that her close friend Sam Waksal, the biotech company's founder, was frantically trying to sell his stock before share prices plummeted following the bad news.

Stewart stepped down from her role as chairman and CEO of her company, Martha

Stewart Living Omnimedia, after being indicted in June, but remains an active board member and still resides as chief creative officer. Now with her conviction, Stewart is likely to be removed from the board.

Since the verdict was announced, shares of her stock fell nearly 23 percent. Also, Stewart's syndicated television show "Martha Stewart Living" was yanked from CBS and UPN stations almost immediately following the hearing.

If Stewart does end up doing time, the domestic diva could find herself donning an attractive khaki jumpsuit, working for about 12 cents an hour, most likely cooking in the kitchen, at a minimum security women's prison.

On Monday, March 8, Stewart made her first public remarks since the ruling.

"I want to thank my readers, my viewers and the Internet users," Stewart said, following a meeting with her probation officer. "I just want to thank everyone for their support."

Her head lawyer, Robert Morvillo, and Rebecca Monck, another member of her defense team, accompanied her.

Stewart has said she will appeal the conviction, stating that she has done nothing wrong. However, U.S. Attorney David Kelley wanted to make clear that if you break the law, "we are going to go after you" ... even if you're Martha Stewart.

It appears as though Stewart's celebrity has, in fact, worked against her in this scandal and has possibly made her a scapegoat for American justice.

Jurors in the Martha Stewart trial said that they felt "pity" for the homemaker as the verdict was read, but that they were

ultimately sure they had made the right decision.

The jury took a total of 12 hours over a three-day span to find Stewart and Bacanovic guilty on all four counts.

"She made a silly mistake, and then they lied, and the lies just got worse," said Meg Crane, a juror for the case.

But is lying enough of a faux pas that could put Stewart in a criminal institution and end the massive empire she had worked her entire life to build up, only to see it crumble in the middle of a spider web of lies and deceit?

With more radical offenders running loose on the streets, I doubt locking up Martha Stewart would do much good other than give us a few more laughs. And at this point, it's no longer a laughing matter.

As a public, we can joke all we want about Martha Stewart holed up in a cell-block sharing a toilet with another inmate. We've all heard the jokes on Leno and Letterman, and we've seen the parodies on Saturday Night Live. It is apparent that the media has been less than sympathetic to this woman. However, there comes a point when the jokes cross the line.

Laughter is meant to entertain and amuse, not to be malicious or cruel. Take away the apron and the linens and you have a woman who made a mistake. Take away her business. Take away her television show. But this woman should not be locked up behind bars for several years of her life.

Punish her if you will, but at least let the punishment fit the crime.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Echo:

Since Harmony Week, the campus has been involved in conversation about our identity as a University of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and how that influences CLU as a community of learning. Some have argued that the activities of Harmony Week contradict our Christian roots. Others believe just the opposite. The Office of University Ministries welcomes this conversation as a healthy deliberation about our identity, mission, and values. We further believe CLU's roots "in the Lutheran tradition of the Christian faith" inform our campus conversation on the topic of homosexuality in two distinct ways.

The first is in respect to how we have this conversation with one another. In "An Open Letter from the Bishops of the ELCA" they write: "The way we face our differences on the issues surrounding homosexuality can be an important expression of grace for our particular church body and for the communities in which we live. If we, by God's power and mercy, can model new ways to speak and to hear one another, we will have done a service to this church, and will have witnessed to our society. We invite gay and lesbian persons to join with other members of this church in mutual prayer and study of the issues that still divide us so that we may seek the truth together. We are determined, despite our differences, to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3)." The tradition in which CLU is rooted calls us to actively create a climate on campus where various points of view on this topic are encouraged, welcomed, heard, and respectfully debated. How we go about this conversation on campus is as much a reflection of our Lutheran identity, as is finally where we individually decide to stand.

The second way in which University's Lutheran heritage shapes our approach to our conversation on homosexuality relates to how we regard the gay and lesbian people in the CLU community. We call attention to the action of the ELCA's 1991 Churchwide Assembly that declared "gay and lesbian people, as individuals created by God, are welcome to participate fully in the life of the congregations of the ELCA." At the 1993 Churchwide Assembly, that declaration was extended to express "strong opposition to all forms of verbal or physical harassment or assault of persons because of their sexual orientation" and support for the civil rights of all persons, regardless of their sexual orientation. Recognizing that individual church members hold a variety of opinions regarding homosexuality and on the interpretation of the scriptural texts sometimes used to condemn it, the ELCA's statement makes clear that it believes the appropriate Christian response of its congregations and institutions is diligently to safeguard the participation and presence of the gay and lesbian persons who are among their members. Furthermore, in our opinion, these statements urge us to welcome and value the distinct insights and perspectives that the gay and lesbian people in our CLU community bring to our campus discussion about homosexuality and a host of other topics.

Each member of the Office of University Ministries welcomes the opportunity to talk further with students, faculty and staff about CLU's Lutheran identity and the perspective we share in this letter to the editor.

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Pr. Scott Maxwell-Doherty  
University Pastor

Dr. R. Guy Erwin  
Director, Segerhammer Center for Faith & Culture

Dear Echo,

So, the Bible says homosexuality is wrong, huh? Given this, I'm wondering if you could clear some other things up ... let's talk Leviticus.

I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself? \*Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev.19:27. How should they die?

I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

J.M. Healy  
Alumni, Christian

Dear Echo,

A big hello to last week's writers! A quick question for them from one Christian to another, since we're talking about the Bible now:

My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev. 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? (Lev.24:10-16). Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Your devoted disciple and adoring fan,  
Jess



# IM goes to Grand Canyon



Photograph courtesy of Intramural Sports

The group poses for a picture with a breathtaking view of the Grand Canyon behind them.

By Matt Broussard  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Intramurals Department recently decided to explore the interests of the student body with an outdoor adventure. A camping trip sparked the interest of the students, and Intramural Director Chris Paul decided to pur-

sue this extension of the Intramural program. The Grand Canyon was on the top of the list of most desired places to go.

The trip was held from April 2-5. The response from Grand Canyon publicity was enormous, and the quota was filled within the first two weeks.

The 15 campers included Matt

Broussard, Doug Scheidt, Becky Toll, Emily Moore, Mary Schwichtenberg, Eva Biro, John Hamersma, Ryan Petitfils, Elizabeth Tanis, Kim Wyer, Katie Roeveer, Jaymie Nagasawa, Patrick Ellingsworth and administrators Paul and Lindsay Miller.

The group left Friday afternoon and drove eight hours to the Mathers Campground, which they called home for the next two nights.

The next morning, the group awoke to a snow-covered oasis of pine trees and cacti surrounding the campsite. The group prepared light lunches, filled up hydration packs and headed to the trail head.

The students hiked the Bright Angel Trail for four hours, stopping occasionally for rest and to snack on food they brought for the journey.

Once the students got off the trail and on the rim of the canyon, they visited the El Tovar Hotel and the various gift shops.

On April 4, the students explored the activities available at the Grand Canyon

Information Center.

A look-out post identified all of the unique characteristics of the topography of the canyon.

Afterward, the group members departed for Williams, Ariz., where they stayed the night in a hotel before returning to CLU the next morning.

The price for this expedition was under \$100 a person.

Next year, Intramurals is planning a trip to Sequoia National Park in the fall.

To be put on an interest sheet for a camping trip to Sequoia National Park, call the IM office at extension 3546.

## Ojai tournament has ups and downs

By Sean Ruitenber  
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, April 22, the two best singles players and doubles teams were selected to compete in the 104th Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament. Junior Jen Hansen, No. 1 singles for the Regals, was one of the players, along with Junior Lisa Novajosky, who competed in the singles half of the tournament.

In her first round, Hansen defeated Nicole Warm from Sonoma 6-3, 6-3. In her next round, Hansen faced Alexandria Muller from University of California at Davis and was defeated by a score of 6-1, 6-4.

"I really wanted to go far in the tourna-

ment, but I made some errors that cost me the match," Hansen said.

Novajosky also had the chance to play in the singles draw and faced the No. 1 singles player from Occidental, Kelly Hasegawa. A score of 7-6, 6-4 defeated Novajosky after a tough match.

In the doubles half of the tournament, four SCIAC teams went through to the semifinals, including the team of Hansen and Rebecca Hunau, who made their way up the draw with big wins after losing to the No. 1 Redlands team of Erin Hiranaga and Jenna Umeno by a score of 6-3, 6-3.

"We played to the best of our ability, but on the last match, things just weren't going our

way, which made us lose the match," Hunau said.

The second team to represent California Lutheran University was Novajosky and Blair Murphy, who lost in the first round against Andrea Montoya and Ashley Strimple from Point-Loma Nazarene University by a score of 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

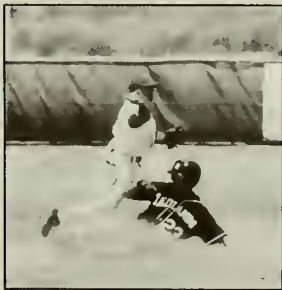
"We were very close to winning, and I

wish we could have won, but we are overall happy with how we played," Murphy said.

Head Coach Nancy Garrison was very excited about the doubles scores.

"Ten years ago, we couldn't get past one round, and now we have a team making it to the semifinals," Garrison said. "We have to be in high spirits about how the team has come along through these last years."

## Baseball team wins two of three



Photograph by Dan Norton

The Kingsmen turn a double play, obtaining the second and third outs for the inning.

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team pulled off two wins, but lost one, against the University of Redlands Bulldogs on April 23.

The Kingsmen traveled to Redlands to play the first game of three on Friday. The Kingsmen came out victorious against the Bulldogs, 10-0. CLU scored three runs in the first, fifth and ninth innings and one run in the

fourth, banging out 18 hits.

"We went out there and played our hardest. Jon Calmes picked really well, and we got excited off of that. The day was his, and as hitters, we just went out there to back him up," senior Ryan Hostetler said.

Junior Danny Chaparro had four hits. Sophomore Christian Hariot was 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Senior Geoff Buchanan went 2-for-4, with a pair of RBIs and a run scored. Junior Jon Calmes threw a complete game; he struck out three and walked one.

The Kingsmen took on the Bulldogs for games two and three, in a doubleheader, on Saturday, April 24. The Kingsmen crushed the Bulldogs, 10-1, in the first game.

"We came out and put a really good game together. We had really good offense and defense," junior Dominick Marci said.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Kingsmen lost to the Bulldogs, 1-0. The point scored by the Bulldogs was at the top of the second inning.

"We failed to execute. We couldn't move the runners, and we didn't get the hits that we needed to get," sophomore Matt Hirsh said.

The Kingsmen finished two-for-three for the week.

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# Regals' sweep completes season



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Safe at third! A Regal team member dives back to third, realizing the throw from Occidental might beat her home.

By Scott Flanders  
SPORTS INFORMATION

The California Lutheran University softball team defeated its conference opponent,

Occidental, 8-0, in its final home game of the season.

With the victory, CLU advanced to 18-19, 9-7 while Occidental fell to 11-19, 4-12.

## Kingsmen unable to relive glory

**"Our doubles results were very solid results, and I am very pleased that the players got past the first rounds."**

Mike Genette  
Head Coach

By Sean Ruitenberg  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Kingsmen tennis team began the last week of the season playing the Chapman Panthers in

Thousand Oaks, Calif., on Tuesday, April 20. It was a 7-0 win for the squad of Head Coach Mike Genette.

The Kingsmen, who received a national ranking of No. 21 earlier in the week, defeated the Panthers to finish their season.

Starting the match by winning the doubles point, the Kingsmen also dominated in the singles portion. Junior J.V. Vallejos, playing at No. 1, defeated Brock Heimann, 6-3, 6-2, to give the second point to the team. Senior Junya Hasebe, playing at No. 3, defeated Justin Jonas, 6-0, 6-3. Sophomore Shara Surabi, playing at No. 2, defeated Ryan McCormick, 6-1, 6-3.

"It felt good to dominate the last match of the season. It got us ready for the weekend

The Regals were on top early after they scored five runs in the first inning. They added three more runs in the fourth inning to extend their lead to 8-0. The game was then called because of a mercy rule after Occidental failed to score in the top of the fifth.

Sophomore Olivia Chacon pitched all five innings for CLU without allowing a run and only surrendering two hits.

With the victory, Chacon now has 10 wins this season. Junior Marlene Merchain went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, and freshman Prudence Kjentvedt had a single, two RBIs and a run scored.

The contest marked the final home game for CLU's three seniors. Carrie Mitchell, Emily Otneru and Shannon Teverbaugh each put on an impressive performance in their final appearance in front of the home crowd.

Mitchell had three hits, scored two runs, drove in a run and stole a base. Otneru had a single and scored a run. Teverbaugh had one

hit, one run scored and two dazzling defensive plays at shortstop.

The softball team ended its season completing a sweep over Occidental again on Saturday by winning 7-1 and 10-0.

The Regals finish the year with a 20-19 overall record and a 11-7 SCIAC mark.

In the second game, sophomore Gianna Regal threw a no-hitter and struck out eight batters while walking just one. She helped herself at the plate by going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs.

Mitchell had three hits, an RBI and a run, while freshman Katy Wilkins had three RBIs.

In the first game, CLU scored three runs in the fourth and added four more in the sixth. Mitchell had three hits and Wilkins batted in two runs.

Starter Danielle Everson gave up just one-run, on six hits, in five innings of work.

where we really needed to give a good performance at the Ojai tournament," sophomore Karlo Arapovic said.

The Ojai Valley Invitational tournament serves as the national individual qualifiers for the west region in Division III.

The best performance from the Kingsmen was the doubles win by Vallejos and Arapovic against the No. 1 doubles seed of Brian Murphy and Michael Thoesz from Redlands.

"We were just so calm and focused, and everything went well for us on that match," Vallejos said.

In the singles half of the tournament, the player to advance the farthest was senior Quinn Caldaron, who won his first round,

against Jason Evans from Claremont, with a score of 6-3, 6-4, placing him in the round of 16. Caldaron then lost to Kevin Casey, from University of California at Santa Cruz, 6-4, 6-0.

"I had a good run this year, but my injuries prevented me from playing at my highest level," Caldaron said.

"Our doubles results were very solid results, and I am very happy that the players got past the first rounds. It was disappointing to see Quinn lose, but what can you do," Genette said.

The rest of the Kingsmen didn't advance past the round of 32 in the singles draw.

Given that alumnus Amir Marandy, No. 1 player last year for the Kingsmen, won the tournament, it was a heartbreaking year for CLU.

## Water polo ends season with well-deserved wins

By Ashley Benson  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's water polo team took its first SCIAC win of the season against California Institute of Technology on Wednesday, April 21.

The Regals set out to play their last game of the season against Cal Tech. The team came out ready to play and was able to clinch a one-point lead, which it held until the end. The Regals beat Cal Tech, 8-7.

"We did well against them. We could have done a little bit better, but the important thing is that we won," freshman Kayla Schrock said.

Freshman Danielle Rios led the team in goals; she had four. Freshmen Jen Danielson, Scarlett Williams, Michele Hernandez and Brittany Zubiate each had one goal apiece. Schrock had 17 saves in the game.

The team then went on to compete in the SCIAC tournament on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25. It took on Pomona-Pitzer, University of La Verne and Cal Tech.

The Regals lost to Pomona-Pitzer, 11-5, and to La Verne, 9-4, but were able to beat Cal Tech once again, 9-5.

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that," Danielson said.

These were the last games of the season for the first women's water polo team at CLU. The team did better than CLU's first men's team; the Regals came away with four wins during their season.

Rios received second place for the most goals scored this season; she had 17. Schrock also received second place for most goals blocked this season; she had 55. The team placed seventh overall in SCIAC.

"We have improved so much this season. Many of the coaches from the other teams have come up and congratulated us on our improvements," Williams said. "We are so happy, and we can't wait for next year; we think that we could dominate."

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## Golf has high hopes

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The Kingsmen finished third and second out of eight teams after the third and second rounds of the SCIAC Championships, respectively.

The team finished with a score of 295 on Thursday, April 22. It was nine strokes behind the University of Redlands and one stroke ahead of Pomona-Pitzer. Sophomore Peder Nyhus completed the par-70 course at 68.

The Kingsmen shot a 312 on Monday, April 19, at Red Hill Country Club in Pasadena. The University of La Verne finished first with a score of 298, and the University of Redlands finished second at 308. Freshman Christian Colunga had the lowest score for the Kingsmen, enough for

second overall, by finishing the par-72 course 1-up. Nyhus ranked 10th overall at 6-up.

"For the most part, we played okay, but we need to do better tomorrow. We're kind of on the borderline to make the national tournament, so we need to keep playing well to help our cause for a bid," Nyhus said.

"We knew, going into that day, that we needed to finish third or better to help us move up in the SCIAC rankings," Head Coach Jeff Lindgren said. "We ended up beating Claremont by five strokes and Pomona by 16. Christian played really well; he shot a 73 and was in second place. Peder shot a 68, which was 2 under par. That carried our team into that second-place finish."

"We placed where we thought we would place," Poyser said. "Thursday gave us high hopes for Nationals."

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